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## An Appeal to Pastors and Lay Leaders, Whose Churches Do Not Have Their State Baptist Paper in the Budget



LOUIE D. NEWTON

**First:** You will be making the budget for your new church year in the next few weeks, preparatory to the Every Member Canvass. You will recommend to your people the ways in which their gifts may most wisely be invested in kingdom interests. Your committee on the budget of your church for 1944 will consider any and every opportunity for new investments in God's work, keeping in mind the enduring dividends which He always pays. Therefore, I beg you to submit the idea of putting your state Baptist paper in your budget this time. And for opinions on such an investment, I urge you to inquire of your state secretary and your neighbor pastors who have your state Baptist paper in their budgets.

**Second:** Your people have more money right now than they have had in years. It will be easier to put your state Baptist paper in your budget of your church this year than at any time since you have been charged with the guidance of your church in its investment in kingdom interests. The tide is coming in. I sincerely hope to see hundreds of churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention take this forward step at this favorable moment. It will set forward immeasurably every cause dear to the hearts of our people.

LOUIE D. NEWTON, Chairman,  
S. B. C. Committee on Increased  
Circulation State Baptist Papers.

**D. W. Moulder reports that N. R. Stone will speak at the Smith County Association at Sardis church, October 13. During the remainder of the week Brother Stone will teach the Bible and preach at Sardis church. Brother Stone will be at White Oak church, Smith county, during the week of October 17. D. W. Moulder is pastor of both of these churches.**

## PROTESTANT PRESS MONTH

Bernard J. Mulder  
President Associated Church Press

Out in the historic Wartburg Castle, where Martin Luther lived while making his translation of the Bible, the guide always points out an inkspot on the wall. The spot was made when Luther hurled his inkpot at the devil. There is a legend that ever since that day four hundred years ago, the devil is afraid of ink. And the ink which the devils of intolerance and bigotry, superstition and tyranny fear most is that ink which is used in printing a truthful and untrammelled church press. Arthur Hayes Sulzberger, president and publisher of the New York Times, in an address at Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, said that "surrounded by war, it behooves us to examine the weapons of the moment, for each year has its own, and a weapon is not necessarily an arrow, a bullet, a torpedo, or an aerial bomb. There are others equally deadly. It is interesting to recall that while the Romans possessed both horses and armor, they never fought mounted for the simple reason that they had not invented the stirrup, without which no armored man could ride and fight without falling. When stirrups were attached to the saddle and the armored weight held in the balance, the knights of the Middle Ages

rode through Europe with the same degree of reckless security as did units of the German panzer divisions that raced ahead of their advancing armies into France. And what are the weapons of today? I cannot speak to you of planes and tanks and high explosives. But there is one weapon which has proved as valuable to Germany as stirrups would have been to all the legions of all the Caesars. And that is propaganda. With propaganda truth has been destroyed and falsehood glorified. With propaganda discord has been sown and strong men have become weak. The pen has truly been mightier than the sword. Yet against each weapon we sooner or later find a defense—armor for arrows, masks for poisoned gas, stronger weapons of offense to make unusable earlier tools of destruction. And against the weapon of evil propaganda our only defense is a free and responsible press . . . for democracy can be strong only if it is informed, and truth alone can defeat the weapon of evil." Everything that Mr. Sulzberger has said with regard to the public press applies with equal if not much greater force to the church newspapers of the nation.

The amount and kind of mental food that is being fed to American people these days is almost staggering.  
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## How Much Shall It Be This Christmas?

Last year at the Christmas season a check for ten dollars was mailed to each beneficiary on the aged Ministers Relief Roll. This was made possible by your special gifts through the "Fellowship Offering" made when the Lord's supper was observed in the churches during 1942.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention designated the month of October as the time to again remind you, the pastors and the members of the churches, of the privilege of taking "Fellowship Offerings" for this worthy cause. By so doing you will make glad the hearts of the veterans of the cross.

Please send your gifts designated "Fellowship Offering" for aged ministers to Dr. D. A. McCall, treasurer, Box 530, Jackson, 105, Mississippi.

How much shall it be this Christmas?

Thanking you for your cooperation, we are

Sincerely your servants,  
C. J. Olander, Chairman,  
R. L. Wallace,  
A. S. Johnson,  
Aged Ministers Relief Committee.

**Newton: The W. M. U. offering, now amounting to \$158.60, for State Mission Week of Prayer is the largest we have ever made, and more is still coming.**

## My Soul In a Word to Southern Baptists

L. R. Scarborough

I am retired from active service but my heart is hot for every part of all the work of the Kingdom. We are living happily on a citrus orchard near the Southernwestern Seminary Endowment Groves in the Rio Grande Valley. The fruit from these groves sold for more than \$90,000.00 last crop, which went for the expenses and the operation of the Seminary.

I have a hearty word for all our seminaries. They are valuable assets. They are necessary and essential for the rightful success of the denomination. The spirit of preachers is determined by the seminary. As goes the seminary, so goes the preacher. We must save, build and guard our seminaries.

Some of the debts on our causes are paid—than God!—and the Hundred Thousand Dollar Movement will soon have all debts on the other denominational causes paid. Is it not glorious that soon all our causes will be free from embarrassing debts?

Then we will make another Cooperative Program. Surely it will be big and global. My plea is that we put in this new program a plan to gradually endow all our theological seminaries and women's training schools by asking each church to make

## Bishop Accepts Southside Position



J. I. BISHOP

J. I. (Ivyloy) Bishop, for the past two years Royal Ambassador field worker for Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina, has been appointed Southwide Royal Ambassador secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The new Royal Ambassador secretary comes to this position with every qualification for successful leadership. He is a graduate of Howard College, Alabama, with a Th.M. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has had eight summers' experience in Royal Ambassador camps. Boys are devoted to him, won by his sincere, ready friendliness, challenged by his consecration to Christ and His Kingdom. Counselors can safely trust his successful leadership and benefit by his plans in their Royal Ambassador chapter activities. Woman's Mission Union bespeaks for Mr. Bishop the heartiest welcome by pastors and religious education directors, as he strives to lead Southern Baptist boys into larger participation in the work of our denomination around the world.

a weekly contribution to this end, so that in time they may all be adequately and sufficiently endowed. My plea is for all of them: The Southern Seminary and the W. M. U. Training School, the Southwestern Seminary and the Woman's Missionary Training School, the Baptist Bible Institute, and the American Seminary (colored), Nashville, Tennessee. Let's go in—all of us—to endow adequately all these schools! Whatever else we do, let's not neglect this vital matter. After thirty-four years of giving my life to handling the financing of one of these dear schools, I tell you this is an important and vital matter.

May God bless and guide in this new program!



## Sparks & Splinters

Thomas G. Ashby has resigned the pastorate at Old Hebron church, Jeff Davis county.

Stockholm (By Wireless)—The historic Lutheran church in Berg-in-Senja, Norway, has been torn down by the German occupation authorities to make room for military fortifications.

Rev. B. L. Mohon has resigned the pastorate of Oak Grove church, Meridian, to accept a church at Florence, Alabama.

Friends of Rev. Cecil Roberson will be interested to know that after the completion of his master's degree from the University of Mississippi in September he accepted a position as Bible instructor, while his wife became music instructor in the Acadia Bible Academy at Church Point, Louisiana. The academy is located in the heart of the French Home Mission Field. It serves a type of student that goes directly into the work of the spread of the gospel. Many young preachers have been educated there. Many of these have been native French boys who have been called by the Lord.

According to Dr. Austin Crouch, the Executive Committee receipts so far this year amount to \$2,854,067.79. This is a gain of \$629,503.40 over the same months of 1942. Of this amount, Mississippi contributed to the Co-operative Program, \$7,781.44; Designated, \$2,997.53; and One Thousand Club, \$1,523.38, or a total of \$12,302.35.

H. W. Shirley, pastor of the Baptist church in Carthage, did the preaching at a recent revival at the Immanuel Baptist Church at Hattiesburg. There were seven additions. J. Earl Bryant is pastor.

Lula Baptist Church, Madison church: We experienced a great revival this fall. W. W. Tipton of East St. Louis, Illinois, did the preaching and the pastor led the singing. Fifteen were baptized. The revival is still going on! Last preaching day the pastor used the fine poster on tithing sent by Dr. McCall and 32 members came and signed the tithers roll. With a spirit of this kind we will be able to increase our budget substantially.—T. R. Clark, pastor.

Grenada: For the past four Sundays the Baptist Training Union has taken an offering for China relief and we have received the sum of \$200.13.—Lloyd Lott, associate director.

J. Earl Bryant, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, is to be in a two weeks' meeting in Calvary Baptist Church, Ocala, Florida, beginning October 12.

Beginning on Sunday, October 17, and continuing through October 24th, Brother Edward L. Byrd of Holly Springs, Miss., will be with us in a church revival meeting. It is our hope and prayer that this meeting will lead us all to be better stewards of the gospel and of all things which He has committed unto our care.—C. A. Molpus

Johnny Faggard has been elected superintendent of the Kreole Sunday school, and a fine group of teachers and helpers selected. At fitting exercises on promotion day when a high attendance mark was set, each class had a message from their teacher, and the superintendent and pastor, Jewell Golman.—Mrs. J. E. Deaton and Mrs. O. S. Koski.

Chaplain Robert S. Bazzell, somewhere in North Africa: "One day recently a group of Arabs was working in our area, digging trenches and filling sand bags. Suddenly the siren sounded the alarm of an enemy air raid. We all took our steel helmets and gas masks to the trenches with us and watched the sky overhead. Fortunately the planes were turned back before they reached our area. As we returned to our tents and work at hand, I noticed that one of the Arabs nearby had taken off his shoes and was bowing down prostrate to the ground time after time. He was facing the east toward Mecca and thanking his God for sparing his life. I was ashamed to realize that I had happily returned to my work without even so much as a gesture toward the Heavenly Father for His protection over me. How often we are guarded from danger by the Lord and accept His protection without thought. This Arab taught me a genuine lesson of gratitude which I shall not soon forget."—E. C. Routh.

Mrs. D. A. Hogan, wife of Chaplain D. A. Hogan, recently attended a service at Keesler Field, Biloxi, conducted by her husband. She was much impressed by the attendance and songs selected by the men. Their selections were: "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"; "I Am Thine, O Lord"; "Standing on the Promises"; "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"; "Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night, Jesus I Come, Into Thy Freedom, Gladness and Light, Jesus I Come to Thee"; "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior"; "Bringing in the Sheaves."

The Sunflower county W. M. U. meeting was held at Linn recently. Ninety-six ladies and five pastors were present.

In a letter to the B. S. U. Council and Chester Moulder the secretary on the Mississippi Southern campus, Miss Mary Elizabeth Thurmond, now educational director at First Baptist Church in Meridian expresses appreciation of what the work meant to her when she was a student. The joy that comes of serving in full time religious work permeates her letter, and B. S. U. contacts are given credit for the opportunity which is now hers.

Otto P. Estes, Jr., son of Pastor and Mrs. O. P. Estes of Picayune, Miss., is serving in the air corps somewhere in the Mediterranean area. Their other son is in the air corps and the oldest daughter is doing work for the navy department, although not in uniform. The Picayune church has had a fine year with 160 additions, net gain of 121, gifts of nearly \$6,000 for missions, a good sum added to the building fund, bonds laid aside in an organ fund and plans made for a new educational building when the war is finished. "It has been the most significant year of my ministry, I think," writes Brother Estes.—Western Recorder.

A marked increase in understanding and tolerance toward Christianity is being shown in Turkey, it was learned in Stockholm. One reason for this, it seems, is the widespread sale, during the past year and a half, of a new Turkish translation of the Bible—the first complete edition of the Gospel in the Roman script. With the growing freedom allowed to individuals under the present Turkish regime, more and more Mohammedans are becoming acquainted with Christian ideas.—Baptist Leader.

Mrs. L. B. Smith and others write from Union to say that they are in complete accord with the idea of building a Baptist radio station to send out the gospel every day. She says, "I know it will cost a lot of money, but I think it will be worth it. Let's build it and keep it going."

The many friends of Dr. Curtis L. Niceley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dresden, Tennessee, will rejoice with him and the church in the fact that on September 26 the church was dedicated debt free. Honor guests were Dr. John D. Freeman and George R. Jewell, both of the Western Recorder, Louisville, Ky.

His friends will be glad to know that Chaplain O. A. Eure, former pastor at Calvary church, Greenwood, is now chaplain at Biggs Field, El Paso, Tex. He sent The Baptist Record a copy of a letter which is sent to the parents of the boys who attend his services. He also enclosed a very attractive chapel bulletin.

The Taylor W. M. S. has elected the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. J. L. Courson, president; Mrs. J. G. Hurdle, vice president; Mrs. J. L. Clay, program chairman; Miss Mattie Horne, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. U. B. Jones, pianist.

On the fourth Sunday in July I began a series of services at Mulberry church, Montgomery county. We had fine attendance. There was one addition by baptism.—Lloyd T. Shelton.

Rev. Don Jones and Miss Eleanor Hitt, Vicksburg, were recently united in wedlock, the groom's father, Dr. R. B. Jones, Chattanooga, performing the ceremony, and Dr. D. Swan Haworth assisting. A unique feature of the service was that it was held in the hospital, due to the illness of the bride's sister. Rev. Jones is a splendid young pastor, while Mrs. Jones is also active in church affairs.

The Learned Baptist Church will ordain Paul Osborne and Uril Lyle to the office of deacon at the eleven o'clock hour on the third Sunday in October. Dr. Howard E. Spell will bring the message and assist in the ordination service.—R. A. Eddleman.

Runnelstown church recently ordained three new deacons, J. G. Odum, B. A. Hill and F. S. Leech. The Sunday school voted to increase the offering for State Missions. B. E. Craft brought the evening message, Sept. 28.

McLain: The Pilgrim Hour, a Gospel Broadcast operating in Radio Station WFOR, Hattiesburg, and directed by Dr. William Potter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, McLain, will broadcast a week beginning October 1. Heretofore the broadcast has been heard every Friday at 11. The new schedule for the seven-month-old devotional broadcast is for Tuesday and Friday from 11 to 11:30.

Beginning the third Sunday in July, I was at Bethel, Chickasaw county, for their annual revival. At that time they were without a pastor. Large congregations manifest an interest in the Lord's work. There were six additions by baptism. The church invited me back in July, 1944.—Lloyd T. Shelton.

Attention please! Congress is again in session. If you have not done so, secure a copy of the petition requesting immediate passage of the Sheppard Bill (S. 860) and the Bryson Bill (H. R. 2082). Now is the time for all righteous forces to demand the closing of the nefarious liquor traffic.

The Improvement of Teaching in the Sunday School is a new study course book by Dr. G. S. Dobbins, professor of Church Efficiency and Religious Education at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. The whole theme of the book is Improve. Some of the topics discussed are: Improving Teaching, Improving Self, Improving Bible Study, Improving Our Study of Pupils, Improving Our Alms. It is published by the Broadman Press and sells for sixty cents cloth, and forty cents paper. It may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

Soul Winning Doctrines by Dr. J. Clyde Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, is a new study course book published by Broadman Press, at sixty cents cloth, and forty cents paper. Every Baptist will benefit by reading it. Dr. Turner discusses such great doctrines as Atonement, Regeneration, Repentance, Faith, Justification, Assurance, Perseverance, Sanctification and Eternity.

American Baptists sustained a serious loss recently in the home-going of William Lyon Phelps, for many years Lampson professor of English literature in Yale. He was the author of a number of distinctive volumes and was one of the most fascinating lecturers we have ever heard. His father was the pastor of the First Baptist Church in New Haven for nearly thirty years, and moved to Providence, Rhode Island, where his eleven-year-old son, William Lyon, was baptized by his father. For sixty-seven years this distinguished master of English literature was a member of a Baptist church. In his Autobiography he wrote that one of the reasons that he never deserted the fold was that Baptists have no creed, and no ritual, and that there is no Baptist church—only a collection of Baptist churches. In his father's library were the best books available in those days. Dr. Phelps used the wise counsel in this volume that the only convincing reply to one who says he no longer believes the Christian religion is to live like a Christian.—E. C. Routh.

Despite restricted postal service and a blockade of the normal supply of books and newspapers from other countries, Free China continues to keep in touch with news of the church in other parts of the world. News is obtained from two United States religious journals, sent by air mail. From England a steady flow of newspaper clippings arrives by air. Twice a month, the National Christian Council sets aside a special number of its fortnightly bulletin for news of the world church. It also sends out a monthly newsletter to individuals in 13 provinces. A similar news service has been launched by the student division of the Y. M. C. A. in Chungking, and this summer a quarterly bulletin containing news of the World Student Christian Federation was issued.—Baptist Leader.

The Benton church will begin a revival on the fourth Sunday in October. The singing will be under the direction of Brother Earl C. Edwards, pastor of Shuqualak, Miss., and the preaching will be done by the pastor.—R. A. Eddleman, pastor.

Miss Nan Kemp will serve as B. T. U. director at Kreole church for the coming year. The entire church work is in fine condition.—Mrs. J. E. Deaton and Mrs. O. S. Koski.



## Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

"They . . . went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.

We are happy to give you the picture of September one year ago as compared with September this year—a gain of \$23,440.09 in all the causes of Christ. Mississippi Baptists are daily Marching to Victory. "... We are workers together." II Cor. 6:1.

	Cooperative Program	Miscellaneous	Now Club & 5M Club	Totals
1943—September 30	\$30,563.51	\$24,672.13	\$11,561.34	\$66,796.98
1942—September 30	20,107.03	14,346.06	8,903.80	43,356.89
<b>GAIN</b>	<b>\$10,456.48</b>	<b>\$10,326.07</b>	<b>\$ 2,657.54</b>	<b>\$23,440.09</b>

A little later we are to have the unusual privilege of participating in the City-wide Evangelistic Campaign in Washington, D. C., all churches cooperating. Having thought some of their plans might be helpful as we look toward our 1944 State-wide Campaign, we list some of the features:

First—The meeting is church-centered and Convention-approved. They have a Convention Committee on Evangelism and a special steering committee for this campaign as follows: 1. General leader. 2. Publicity leader. 3. Preparation leader. 4. Extension leader. 5. Conservation leader. 6. Treasurer. 7. Member-at-large.

They suggest something of a similar committee for each church, plus committee on entertainment, committee on transportation, committee on decorations and flowers, committee on music, committee on finance, and committee on ushers. Also a pastor's "Andrew Club."

Announcements, posters, tracts and newspaper space are all used. The Census and Soul Winning study courses are featured. Loyalty Agreement cards are given each church member, stressing: 1. Attendance at all meetings, unless providentially hindered, 2. daily family worship, 3. cooperation in personal work under the direction of the pastor. Each pastor meets with his local committee one month before the time of the series. Visitation Day is observed. First week of meeting special evangelistic talks in Sunday school departments, and soul winning groups go out. Sunday school departments meet for thirty minutes before preaching service during revival for definite soul winning instruction, plans and prayer. Each week night Andrew Clubs meet with pastors thirty minutes before preaching hour for prayer, and assignment of names for personal work.

A breakfast meeting is held four of the week days for pastors, evangelists and singers. A decision hour will be held in the Sunday school and a mass meeting in the afternoon. A program of conserving results is planned. Attendance cards will be distributed.

### II

"In all their afflictions He was afflicted"—Isa. 63:9. God has always been close to His people. God has always shared the sorrows, and the heartaches of His people. "In all their afflictions He was afflicted." Our mother used to say when punishing us, "It hurts me worse than it does you." We hardly believed that as a boy. As a father, now we understand.

In these days of suffering, parting, yearning, death, we need to read much of God's Word.

Do you have questions regarding suffering coming upon God's children? Turn to Job, first two chapters, and the last two or three chapters. (For the present you need not go through the labyrinth of the intervening chapters.)

We find Job a good man, a prosperous man, the head of a large family, a worshipping man—God's man. "Surely no evil will befall him," says someone. Yet how he suffers! Follow the story.

Satan comes before the Lord—Oh, the devil is in the saloon, the gambling house, the brothel—yes, and at church, too! Sometimes he gets into the choir, the organist, the deacons, the pulpit, the church conference, the convention.

God says to him, "Do you see Job? He is Mine. I produce that sort of human timber! You make another sort." God holds Job up as His exhibit A, a blue ribbon winner! The devil does not believe it. The devil does not believe in this Christian business, neither in the Christian! "He is in it for what he can get out of it." The first record of that saying, the devil said it. Let us be slow to use the language of the devil. God is willing to prove His faith in Job. He allows the devil to proceed, up to a certain point. God can always tell the devil where to stop! The devil goes out and "business picks up." Four disasters in a row occur in Job's life. "Yet in it all Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." Do we?

In the next chapter Satan comes before the Lord again. Oh, the gall of Satan! God holds up Job again. "Look at him, he is Mine. I made him. He remains true." The devil says, "Yes, but every man has his price." Did you ever hear that? God said, "That is not true!" Some have died for the faith rather than "sell out."

"Faith of our fathers! living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword:  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!"

Job yet declares, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him."

Friends come ("Job's comforters") calling him in turn "sinner," "liar," "hypocrite." Looking at them he can say "No," but in the last chapters when face to face with God, and in conversation with God he acknowledges his sin in repentance. Prosperity and happiness return to Job. "He lived happily ever afterward."

"Not now, but in the coming years,  
It may be in the better land,  
We'll read the meaning of our tears,  
And there, sometime, we'll understand."

"God knows the way, He holds the key,  
He guides us with unerring hand;  
Sometime with tearless eyes we'll see;  
Yes, there, up there, we'll understand."

### III

This is a big world—regardless of all this "shrinking" business. It presents big problems. It will take **BIG** men to solve them. We feel infinitesimal in talking about it all.

Education vs. ignorance presents a big tree of problems. In India, for instance, one of the big nations of the world, 90% of her 340,000,000 population can neither read nor write. How can such a nation exercise home rule? She is naturally a problem in the society of nations. Nor, is education any "god" to us though we have spent over half of our life going to school—whether we show signs or not. Remember, that "educated" nations started the last war, and this one. A conference in Washington, London, Moscow, or Shangri La will not solve this problem!

The language problem is a real one. Over 2700 languages and dialects are spoken by the peoples of the world. There is China with her 18 spoken languages, India with her 150 languages and 550 dialects, and so on. The language barrier is a real one. For instance, stand beside some person speaking a language foreign to you and you have a sense of separateness.

Then, there is the problem of economics. In India the average annual income of a family is only \$20—for a whole year mind you. It is only a little better in China.

A most real problem is in the realm of human relationships. We sometimes cannot get along with folks in the church, in the home, in the club, in business, or in the community. How in the world may we expect entire nations to get along with each other when we fail in smaller circles and holier relationships?

There is the sin problem—the most basal of all. Jesus said, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man." Matt. 15:19. What conference will solve that problem?

Finally, there must be some underlying, undergirding, regenerative, person or power to handle the gigantic problems of the world—man being the chiefest problem. Here it is in introduction—"In the beginning God." Gen. 1:1. Here it is in presentation—"God manifest in the flesh." Read all of John, first and third chapters.

The answer is found in the Christ of God! In Him only!

### IV

Chaplain Caloway O. White, U. S. Armed Forces, Atlanta, Georgia, paid the Convention Board office a visit recently. He is enthusiastic in the work for service men and is making large preparation for the Exhibit and Chapel for Service Men in the Auditorium at the State Fair Grounds, October 11-16.

Chaplains of the different denominations will have a part in the plans at the Fair. All parents, especially those who have sons in the service for our country, are invited to visit the auditorium and catch a glimpse of the efforts being put forth by chaplains and others interested in the boys of the nation. Gospels of John, tracts and other interesting materials will be given out each day from this exhibit. Stationery and envelopes will also be supplied. This is a part of the service sponsored by your Convention Board office.

At the call of Chairman John H. Buchanan, Birmingham, the special committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to make thorough investigations and to recommend at its regular meeting December 15 the time and place of the meeting of the next Southern Baptist Convention, will meet in Memphis Tuesday, October 5. The other members of this committee are: Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Dr. George Ragland, Lexington, and Dr. Austin Crouch, Nashville.

On August 29, class No. 14 of the Navy Training School (Chaplains) graduated at the College of William and Mary. Chaplain C. A. Neyman, USN, senior chaplain of the Fifth Naval District, and also officer in charge of the school, made the commencement address. He said: "The philosophy of the Navy is that a Navy Chaplain must be a chaplain to all men. The chaplain must adjust his duties to the organization of which he is a part; and under no circumstances shall he become one who compromises with discipline."

New York—Religious articles and educational material of the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths are included in the cargo of the S. S. Gripsholm, which is scheduled to effect an exchange of American and Japanese nationals at Geo, Portuguese India. The supplies, including Bibles, prayer books, special literature, and ceremonial equipment, are being furnished by various church and synagogue bodies under the auspices of the War Prisoners Aid of the Y. M. C. A. Similar shipments for prisoners of war in Europe are being prepared for distribution from Switzerland by Y. M. C. A. officials of Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, and other neutral countries.

—BR—

Earl Brooks has accepted the pastorate at Weir. He was formerly pastor at Rocky Creek church, Lucedale.

### Dear Individual Baptist

Has God blessed you this year?  
Have you made your gift to the  
Blue Mountain College endowment?



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### A CHANGELESS CHURCH IN A CHANGING WORLD

We hear many comparing conditions now and twenty-five years ago (World War I).

It is true that many changes have taken place during the past 25 years.

In the business world changes and progress can be seen on every hand. Stores make a better appearance. Goods are more carefully packed. No longer do we see the loose cracker box and other equally unsanitary conditions.

The field of education has also seen many changes. Equipment is now much better than it was in 1918. Then our state had large numbers of one-teacher schools. Today they are but a memory. School terms were short and many teachers were poorly prepared. Today a high school is in reach of every child and the same thing is largely true of a college. The good high schools of today have equipment equal to that of the college of 1918.

In the political world, great changes have also taken place. In 1918 Edwin Holmes was appointed federal judge in Mississippi. Churches and schools were closed because of flu. The Germans then as now were retreating. Paul Johnson was elected to Congress. The first air mail service was begun between New York and Chicago. Theodore Bilbo offered his services to the secretary of war as an aviator.

In the sphere of religion great changes have also taken place. Since 1918 there have been noticeable changes in the program of the associations. For instance, in 1918 an association had reports on Church Discipline, Items of Interest, and a report on Apportionments. The same 1918 minutes also mentioned several who were to make reports but who were absent. That sounds like 1943.

In 1918, B. G. Lowrey was president of Hillman College, J. W. Provine was

president of Mississippi College, and T. A. J. Beasley was president of Clarke College. L. G. Gates, then and now pastor to the First Baptist Church of Laurel, had just returned from France.

In 1918 W. T. Lowrey was the State Convention preacher. His alternate was R. J. Bateman.

In 1918 Dr. J. B. Lawrence was your State Mission Secretary. Today, Dr. D. A. McCall holds that position of responsibility and honor.

In 1918 there were 47 associations. In 1943 there are 72. Of the 47 Convention Board members in 1918 only three, J. D. Ray of Starkville, W. E. Lee of Como, and H. L. Martin of Senatobia, are now members of the Convention Board; and of these only J. D. Ray is at the same place.

In 1918 the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College was composed of 27 men. Of those only one, J. W. Lee of Batesville, is now a member of this board and all of the 27 are dead except seven, who are: J. W. Lee, O. B. Taylor of Jackson, W. N. Puckett of Columbus, Zeno Wall of Shelby, North Carolina, L. A. Whittington of Meadville, J. M. Hartfield of Jackson and Dr. Theo. Whitfield of Pocatontas.

The State Mission budget for 1918 was \$40,480 and total Convention Board receipts for the year were \$160,984.06.

In 1943 the State Mission budget is \$73,405.00, and total receipts for the past year have been \$575,909.51.

If some saint were to die today and we could hear him in heaven talking to someone who passed on in 1918, they would probably discuss some of these very changes that we have mentioned. But when they came to the subject of the church and the Christ, no changes could be discussed for, even though we live in a changing world, the church is changeless. I am talking about Baptist churches.

The Baptist church today stands for the same principles that it did in 1918.

Then and today we believe that only saved people can and should join the church. We believed then and now believe that people are saved by faith in Jesus Christ. Good mothers, good fathers, good deeds, generous charity are all good in their places, but they do not save. Paul's answer to the Philippian jailer nineteen centuries ago, in 1918 and 1943, is the plain way of salvation.

Just as Baptists believed in 1918 that the only officers of a church were pastors and deacons, so do we believe today. We reject and deny any teaching that would place any man or men between us and God. Every person, any person, any time, anywhere is at liberty to approach God. We are not dependent on any set formula or on the attitude of any human being.

In 1918, Baptists rejected all man-

made creeds and confessions and turned only to God's word for guidance. We follow in their footsteps. We have not changed. We live in a changing world but believe in a changeless God. Hence we refuse to let any man or men write our creed. We go to God's Holy Book for directions, believing that the Bible is absolutely God's word.

In 1918 Baptists believed and practiced immersion because that is the only kind found in the Bible. Jesus thought it so important that he walked sixty, dry, dirty, dusty, wearying miles to be immersed in the River Jordan. Today we believe and practice the same form, for immersion requires no explanation nor is it ever on the defensive.

In 1918 Baptists believed in and supported missions. They gave of their money to help send missionaries to the farthest ends of the earth believing that Christ meant what He said when He commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Those were our marching orders in 1918, and they are our orders in 1943. With your money you supported that command in 1918 and you are doing the same thing in 1943.

In 1918 Baptists believed that the church was a divine institution, and it is not subject to the changing conditions of a changing world. They believed that the church is God's organized group on earth adapted to all times, all periods and all climes. They believed that the church is the custodian of the truth to all people to the end of time. And in 1943 we believe those same things, holding that a church is a pure democracy and that salvation is open to those of any race, any class and any sex.

Just as Baptists believed that the Baptist church has two classes of officers, so did they believe that the Baptist church has but two ordinances—baptism and the Lord's Supper. AND they believed and we in 1943 believe that neither of these ordinances has any saving power but that both are figurative and commemorative.

In 1918 Baptists believed that God saves and saves forever. You believe the same today, "For I give unto them eternal life." You believed then and now that "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." When we are born we can't be unborn. "Our Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity."

### GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE

As a result of the generosity of Victor L. LeTulle of Bay City, Texas, Memorial Hospital (Baptist) of Houston receives a gift of \$200,000. Superintendent Robert Jolly of the hospital will recommend that it be used in the next building program for the erection of a children's unit to be

named in honor of Mr. LeTulle. The Bay City Baptist Church house was erected by him as a memorial to his deceased wife. Another wise contribution is made to a great cause.

We call the above article to the attention of our readers with the fervent prayer that some good Mississippi Baptist or Baptists will go and do likewise.

### THE SECRET SEEPS OUT

Our readers will recall that recently the Knights of Columbus passed resolutions demanding that only Catholics should be sent to Italy in connection with the Allied government of occupied areas in Italy.

We think that Drew Pearson, well-known newspaper columnist of Washington, D. C., hit the nail on the head (or the motive behind the resolution) when he stated in a recent article that it was suspected in New York political circles that the Knights of Columbus resolution against having non-Catholics as U. S. governing officials in occupied Italy was aimed at Lt. Col. Charlie Paletti, a Baptist, now the leading American member of AMG, the Allied Military Government for Italy. (Reports indicate that Col. Paletti is doing an A-1 job in Sicily.)

Mr. Pearson also called attention to the fact that when St. Mary's Academy (Catholic) in Alexandria, Va., was taken over by the Alexandria Hospital the Baptists offered the officials of St. Mary's Academy the use of their unused three story hall. The invitation was accepted. Baptist buildings in America are all right for Catholic use, but, according to the Knights of Columbus, competent Baptist officials should be kicked out of Italy.

### Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

### AGAIN—CRIME DIDN'T PAY

Any teen-age boy ought to be able to understand the simple arithmetic of this New Orleans episode:

Six youngsters set out for easy money two weeks ago. In the ensuing fortnight they managed, at great and constant risk of detection, injury, and capture, to snatch purses containing \$125 in all. That, evenly divided, gave them a wage of \$10.25 a week each. At the end of two weeks they were caught, one of them being shot through the hip in the chase that rounded them up.

They could have looked in the want-ad columns of The Item and found scores on scores of opportunities of honest and useful work, without risk, which would have paid them in safe cash double or more the \$10.25 a week they managed to collect by theft. Morals aside, therefore, the simple arithmetic of it proves them suckers.—New Orleans Item.



# DR. STEALEY DISCUSSES BAL- THASAR IN INAUGURAL ADDRESS

At the opening night service of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. S. L. Stealey, who began his second year as professor of Church History, gave his inaugural address in the Seminary chapel. His subject was "Balthasar Hubmaier and Some Perennial Religious Problems."

The Seminary tradition requires each new professor to deliver such an address some time during his first years of service and specifies that it must be read. Some of the students had facetiously set forth the requirements as being formality, length, dryness, boresomeness. Except that he wore the usual formal dress of a minister, and read the address, Dr. Stealey fulfilled none of the requirements. For about forty minutes he held the keen interest of a capacity audience.

He began by explaining that he was attracted to Hubmaier because the old Anabaptist was the best exponent in his day of that Baptist-like movement, because he was associated with the whole interesting and important Reformation Movement in Europe, and because the Seminary library had recently acquired one of a very few extant copies of an English translation of his incomplete works. This translation was made by Prof. G. D. Davidson, of William Jewell College, from photostatic copies of the German originals made in Europe under the direction of Dr. W. O. Lewis, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Stealey also explained that he was thinking of his hearers when he chose a biographical subject, for history is most interestingly treated by centering it on great characters.

Dry details of the life of a man almost unknown to present-day Baptists were passed over with brief mention. Hubmaier was presented, rather, by quotations from his own masterly works and through his associations with Luther, Zwingli, John Eck and others. We were reminded, however, that though Hubmaier is "unknown" to many now, he was "well-known" (II Cor. 6:9) to such keen men as Erasmus, Zwingli and the Catholic leaders in the Council of Trent (1545). They all called him not only the leader among the Anabaptists, but one of the four or five most effective opponents of the Roman church. Dr. Stealey gave a graphic description of the martyrdom, by burning at the stake, Hubmaier suffered as the price for his uncompromising evangelical stand.

Probably the most effective points made were based on quotations from Hubmaier's pamphlets on *Christian Baptism*, *A Formula for Baptizing*, *Christian Doctrine Which Every Man Before He is Baptized Should Know*, *On the Sword*, *A Short Exhortation* and *The Twelve Articles of Christian Faith*. It became plain that in neglecting these writings Baptists have neglected perhaps the most forceful presentation of some of their principles that have ever been made. Historian Keller wrote: "Hubmaier's writings contain a fullness of original and profound thoughts, which, if they had not proceeded from a marked man (marked because he would not compromise on infant baptism and regenerated church membership) would long ago have been hailed as a distinguished monument of German

# OCEAN GROVE SPURNS TEMPTING FINANCIAL OFFERS TO SELL OUT

75-Year-old Institution Guards  
Fundamentals of Its Tradition

Ocean Grove, N. J., Sept. 24—(RNS)—This unique seashore community—where the Sabbath is still so faithfully observed that barriers are erected at midnight Saturday and kept in place until midnight Sunday to bar traffic—has turned down financial offers running into the thousands of dollars in order to retain the fundamental religious principles on which it was founded seventy-five years ago.

William E. Thompson, business manager of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, which controls the affairs of this community, said that substantial offers had been spurned during recent months from business concerns which sought to operate tobacco concessions and bathing facilities at the foot of Ocean Bathway, main business street.

The sale of tobacco is officially banned here, as well as Sunday bathing.

Mr. Thompson said that one offer of more than \$25,000 was turned down because it would have involved the construction of a bathing pavilion which would have obstructed the view of the sea from the section surrounding the famed auditorium, scene of the annual religious festivals.

Preparing to observe the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding as a summer camp meeting place for church followers, Ocean Grove during the years has developed into a year-round community with a winter population of more than 3,500. Its summer influx has been estimated at more than 30,000 in recent years.

Mr. Thompson, a retired Philadelphia business man, declared, that although the Camp Meeting Association could use additional funds, "Ocean Grove cannot go broke financially, but she can go broke spiritually," if a move is started to compromise with the principles on which the town was founded.

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The W. M. U. Margaret Lackey State Mission offering at Brookhaven has already exceeded \$281.

genius.

"Hubmaier's proof from Scripture that the order in every definite New Testament baptism is (1) The Word, (2) hearing, (3) believing, (4) baptism, (5) good works, is the best refutation of pedobaptism and the clearest call to believers' baptism ever formulated," said Dr. Stealey.

The fact that Hubmaier did not believe in non-resistance, nor Christian communism, nor date-setting millennialism, and did believe that a Christian can hold civil office made him the "most Baptist of the old anabaptists," said Dr. Stealey also.

The interesting question of whether Hubmaier was a Baptist and of the relationship of Anabaptists to Baptists was treated. Also many characteristics of Hubmaier's strength, such as his clear, emphatic, doctrinal preaching, were discussed.

Dr. Stealey's paper will appear in the October number of the "Review and Expositor." All who are interested in the history of the Baptist spirit through the centuries should read it.

# AFTER FIFTY YEARS



MRS. ETTA G. BOATRIGHT  
Shelby, Miss.

Mrs. Etta G. Boatright united with the First Baptist Church of Shelby, August 20, 1892. She was the first member to unite with the church in regular service after its organization. She is the only one whose membership has been in the church continually for FIFTY YEARS.

At the advanced age of 80 Mrs. Boatright is still active; attending all the services of the church regularly.

A pin with the inscription "After fifty years" has been presented to her in recognition of fifty years of faithful, honest, dependable service.

# REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

Not long since, in a secular paper, was an article which, along with some other things, might easily remind one of the prayer, "O Lord, bless me and my wife, my son, John, and his wife, us four and no more."

Rome had been bombed, but the Vatican and all the religious part of the city purposely spared. A high ecclesiastic is reported to have called on members of his denomination everywhere to pray for a speedy ending of this war.

For years, war had been raging across the waters. But until this nation was actively in the war, this writer does not remember a single public prayer for the fighting ones. But then came, "Oh Lord, take care of our boys and bring them back to us safe and sound." Oh, Lord, God, give thy children more of a proper world vision, and more nearly complete surrender to thee that thou mayest use us. Pray for our boys; yes, by all means pray that if they are not saved they shall accept Jesus as Saviour and Lord so far as they will, pray that the saved ones may glorify their king. Pray for our President, and for all in authority.

Remember Pearl Harbor? Yes. But with hatred in our heart for no one. Pray that the ruler of Japan shall accept Jesus as Saviour and Lord if he will.

To whom much is given, of him shall much be required.

Pray without ceasing. And be always abounding in the work of the Lord.

—B. A. Lover.

# Dear Individual Baptist

Has God blessed you this year?  
Have you made your gift to the  
Blue Mountain College endowment?

# 25 Years Ago

All indications point to the fact that we have passed the crisis of the war and are turned toward the end. All except one: We have not seen the masses of people turning toward God. The lust of the world is as strong as it has ever been.

Dr. J. F. Love, corresponding secretary of Foreign Missions, says, "It has been said that the war has internationalized our thinking. This is good for us and good for the world if our thinking is kept under the control of right motives."

The associations are very readily adopting the recommendations for a cash campaign this winter to pay off all indebtedness; also, the recommendation for a five-year program. We can, if we will, and we will, if we can.

The Woman's Missionary Societies are at work on the \$5,000 for Christian Education. Some societies have already raised their apportionment. It seems now that we are going to have the best financial report to make this year at the Convention of any previous year.

Rev. A. T. Cinnamond reports a good meeting at McCool. Rev. E. K. Shults of Senatobia assisted him. There were twenty-six additions, and two by letter and a decided impetus given to sentiment for building a greatly needed new church house.

# THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER J. E. Dillard

**This:** Today, October 1, we pay the last dollar on the debt of the Southwestern Seminary. Thank God.

**That:** November 1, we can pay the balance on the debt of the Southern Seminary if our receipts are as large this month as last. God grant it.

**The Other:** December 31, we hope to pay the Convention note (now \$205,000) and have a Debtless Denomination. But we shall have to get an extra \$100,000 if we do. Can we do it? I shall take another Hundred Thousand Club membership on Layman's Day, October 17. Will you?

DEBT-FREE IN '43—COUNT ON ME.

# STUDY COURSE AND REVIVAL AT CARTERVILLE

Carterville recently closed a fine B. T. U. study course. Rev. Wallace Harrell taught the adults, Rev. E. N. Bilbo taught the young people, Mrs. Wallace Harrell led the Juniors and Miss Janette Bilbo taught the Story Hour. There was an average attendance of 59 and 56 awards were made. W. C. Harper, B. T. U. director, was in charge.

Beginning the fifth Sunday in August we had Rev. Gaston Mooney for a series of services in our church. He endeared himself to the people of Carterville by his inspiring gospel messages. There were six additions by baptism and five by letter.—Lloyd T. Shelton, pastor.



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

## OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.  
Community Missions—Mrs. Lavin Boyles, Laurel, Miss.  
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

President—Mrs. J. H. Street, Hazlehurst, Miss.  
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Traylor  
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.  
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.  
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centerville.

The announcement on the front page will bring a tinge of regret to Mississippi Royal Ambassadors and their friends; however, we are glad that we can share "Ivylo" with the South. We had come to feel that he was peculiarly "ours" because he attended his first R. A. camp in Mississippi; he attended our first R. A. camp and, with one exception, has been in camps every year since (eight years). He has seen the camps grow from 51 in attendance the first year to 679 in attendance this summer. In these eight years we have had a registered attendance of 3,096 boys and counselors in the R. A. camps.

Only time and eternity will tell the influence for good and for God that Ivylo Bishop has exerted on the boys and young men of our state. We are grateful for having had his leadership as R. A. field worker for these two years of his official connection with our Woman's Missionary Union. Our interest and prayers go with him to this new work which brings enlarged opportunities and responsibilities. We eagerly look forward to his visits to our state. Our best wishes and prayers go with him in this important task in Kingdom building.

In the autumn march of students to various places of learning Mississippi women proudly view three young ladies going to our W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Kentucky. These capable and consecrated girls are: Verna Oden from Hattiesburg, Ethel McKeithen from Meridian, and Virginia Jenkins from Lucedale. It is a joy to know that our scholarship girls are helping make an enrollment of 106 boarding students in House Beautiful. This is the largest enrollment for many years.

How it should inspire and challenge all of us that these are youths in these bewildering times who are hearing and answering the call of the unchanging Christ to follow in His steps. Let us express our heartfelt appreciation for them in every possible way. Our girls in Louisville would welcome letters from you, cards at holiday seasons or some personal gift that gladdens the heart of any girl.

Food rationing is creating a problem for the dietitians in our schools. One W. M. U. Association in the state sends a nice lot of canned goods each year to the Training School. No doubt others can and will do the same this year. Other products such as pecans, peanuts, and dried beans and peas could be used.

Surely we of the Mississippi W. M. U. will not fail to pray earnestly and daily for the girls and the great program of Christian education carried on at our W. M. U. Training School.

MRS. O. T. ROBINSON,  
State Training School Trustee.

Dear Friends:

Friday evening I was notified by our Foreign Mission Board to be in New York Sept. 23rd to get ready to sail the 25th. We shall go by Lisbon and Lourenco Marques and India.

Many of you have been praying with us for God's leadership in the effort of our Board to get some twelve recruits into Free China to relieve and help our small missionary force of fifteen carry on there during these days of stress and strain, as well as days of great missionary opportunity and privilege. You, I know, will rejoice with us in the opening of this door and will "hold the ropes" as we return to do God's bidding in that land.

My associate missionary, Miss Rose Marlowe's name is listed among the group of our faithful missionary collaborators who are being returned on the second sailing of the Gripsholm and she hopes to be in the United States by early December. I hope that those of you who do not know her will have the privilege of meeting her and I know that all of you are praising God for bringing her and our interned missionaries out of Shanghai and other places in East China.

News has just been received from Miss Lei, one of our Shung Tak teachers, who has made her escape to Kweilin in Free China. The school and church in Shanghai are continuing with not too much interference from the Japanese authorities. An evangelist has been employed to assist Pastor Wong and to conduct services in the bombed church in Chapei which has been repaired. The students have raised money to enable their poor classmates to continue in school. Food is high in Shanghai and there is much suffering among our Chinese friends. Many of the young people are escaping into Free China to join the armed forces of their country, to study in the refugee schools, and some have left home in order to relieve their parents of the burden of their support. All we can do for these faithful courageous Christians is to pray for them.

During the years that shall separate us and the miles that will be put between us, let us keep close in a fellowship of prayer. May God bless you and use each of you, and lead us speedily into a world of peace.

LORENE TILFORD.

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## TEN BEST BOOKS

1. Anno Domini—Latourette.
2. Prayer—Buttrick.
3. Personalities of the Passion—Weatherhead.
4. Twelve Tests of Character—Fosdick.
5. On Being a Real Person—Fosdick.
6. The Parables of Jesus—Buttrick.
7. Seeing the Multitudes—Stamm.
8. Mastering Sex Through Psychology and Religion—Weatherhead.
9. The Hope of the World—Temple.
10. L. E. Smith, Ruth, Miss.

## Dear Individual Baptist

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## CAUGHT IN A TRAP By Theodore Whitfield

How a woman was caught in a trap and a trap of her own making, I shall relate. In a church where I was pastor, the men formed the habit of selecting "outsiders," usually "hard cases," obtaining permission to hold a prayer service in their homes, the same often resulting in the man's conversion. There was a man in the town whom I shall call "Big Bill"—for he weighed 200 pounds or more, and was rough, wicked and profane. To my astonishment, one of my men announced that we had permission to hold a "service" at Big Bill's home! The men seemed to have faith, and so some ten of us drove around to his home on the evening set. He had a nice home and a nice wife. She, herself, was a church member, though not a Baptist, but of a denomination in the town that baptized their children in infancy. Big Bill and his wife received us cordially and in the sitting room we sang some hymns and I called on the men to give testimonies. I then read a Scripture on salvation and asked Big Bill if he wouldn't become a Christian. He replied in the negative. The men all knelt and prayed for Big Bill. They put their arms around him and besought him to accept Christ. When all the men had prayed I asked Mrs. Bill if she cared to pray. And here came a surprise, in the form of a fervent prayer from her. She said, "O, Lord, You know I have not lived the devoted Christian life before my husband that I should have, and I confess it. But, O Lord, You know that I do love my husband and I would give anything in the world to see him saved, and I hereby promise that if You will touch his heart and convert him and save him I will hereafter be a true Christian, reading my Bible and following the Saviour to the uttermost." The Lord must have taken the woman at her word, for Big Bill was happily converted right here. He proved it by changing his way of living and coming down to the church the following Sunday and joining. But I could not forget that woman's prayer nor the promises she made to the Lord to read her Bible and to follow the Lord to the last letter.

That is where she stuck her head into the trap, and into a trap of her own making. For I did not ask her, and the Lord did not ask her to make any promises in order to get her husband saved. She made the promises of her own free will, although she did not realize that for her to follow the Lord completely meant for her to confess the Lord publicly herself in baptism. For, every Baptist knows that in the New Testament wherever a person accepted the Saviour as Master he was baptized. Cornelius did it; the Philippian jailer did it; the Ethiopian eunuch, and all others in the New Testament. I felt that as a minister of God I ought to go to the woman and tell her her duty. So a

few afternoons later I started on my mission. I knocked on her door and she invited me in and I said to her at once, "I have come to tell you that you ought to be baptized!" "Why, Brother Whitfield," she said in astonishment, "you know I am a member of my church and my parents had me baptized when I was an infant." I replied, "I have nothing to say about your church membership or about your baptism as a babe, but I want to read to you from your Bible here on the table that what was done for you in your infancy by your parents is not sufficient to please the Lord now." "But," she answered, "I don't want you to read anything to me from the Bible, for I am satisfied about my baptism." "But," I replied, "although the parents of Jesus presented Him in the temple when He was 30 days old and had the offerings made for Him, yet when He became a man He went to John the Baptist and was baptized. He said to John that such was necessary in order to fulfill all righteousness. It is just as necessary for you to do it in order to fulfill all righteousness." "But," she answered, "I don't feel the need of any more baptism than I have had." "What you feel," I replied, "cuts no figure in the matter at all. Paul's parents had him circumcised the eighth day and dedicated to God, but when he grew to be a man and accepted the Savior personally, it says 'He arose and was baptized.' Though you were christened when you were a baby, yet now that you are a grown and responsible woman, you ought to do as Jesus and as Paul and as all the others in the Bible—go and be baptized."

We were both talking at the same time, and we were talking fast. She was saying that her baptism suited her all right, and I was telling her about the baptism of Jesus and Paul and the others. But while we were both talking, I was writing down on a scrap of paper the Scripture references I was telling her about: Luke 2:22, Matthew 3:13, Mark 1:9, Acts 22:16, Philippians 3:5, Acts 8:38. So, quickly sticking the scrap of paper in the corner of her Bible, I took my hat, said goodbye and left. Now let me ask you a question. Can a woman talk as fast as she talked, and at the same time listen to me talking equally as fast? She must have done both. Then another thing was, she must have looked up those Scripture passages afterward. Because, all I know is that several weeks later she came down to the Baptist church and walked forward and joined, and I buried her in baptism like Jesus and Paul and Peter and all the others in the Bible were baptized.

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The first Sunday in August I was with Rev. J. N. Spikes at Bethel in Calhoun county. This is a fine rural church and is doing a wonderful work for the Lord. The people love their pastor and co-operate with him in the Lord's work. There were sixteen by baptism.—Lloyd T. Shelton.



## GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b:  
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."  
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



REV. A. A. JACKSON

A. A. Jackson Joins the 100% Club  
Hillsboro Church is No. 653

A. A. Jackson, who recently became pastor at Hillsboro, Clifton and McDonald, made the EVERY FAMILY Plan one of his first goals.

When the Clifton church adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan he was so enthusiastic and so anxious that they get the very next issue that he called by long distance to get the list to the office.

Having led all of his churches except Hillsboro to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan, he was overjoyed to lead them to take this step on Sunday, September 26. In writing about it, he says, "Our prayers are answered. Here is my last church list. All are enjoying the Record. Many compliments at Clinton, some coming from those who did not know we had a paper. Some who hadn't seen it for several years express appreciation of it."

### Calhoun City

On a recent trip to northeast Mississippi we had the pleasure of spending a short time with Pastor James D. Walker at Calhoun City. The brethren are keeping him busy in revival meetings in addition to much Calhoun City pastoral work. All of the organizations are functioning in a big way. Crowds and collections are good.

Calhoun county now has Record readers as follows: BETHANY 24; Big Creek 4; BRUCE 136; CALHOUN CITY 63; College Hill 7; DERMA 64; Gaston Springs 3; Macedonia 5; MERIDIAN 13; Midway 1; MT. MORIAH 62; Oak Grove 6; Oldtown 3; PITTSBORO 32; PLEASANT RIDGE 15; Pleasant Grove 4; ROCKY MOUNTAIN 20; Sarepta 1; Shiloh 2; SLATE SPRINGS 13; Spring Hill 1; VARDAMAN 70.

### Baptist Record Wins 96 to 4

In the August 12 issue of The Baptist Record appeared the list of the 100 churches that gave most to the Now Club from January 1, 1943 to June 30, 1943.

We do not claim that The Baptist Record is a cure-all, but permit us to remind our readers that 96 of those 100 churches were E—F— churches.

Could it be that because the members of those 96 E—F— churches were better informed about Now Club

affairs (because all resident families received the Record) that they did more for it?

### Chaplain Enjoys Record

The Record is an inspiration and a great source of information. It is like receiving many letters from home at once.—Chaplain G. W. Harbin.

### Anchor Church is Number 654 on EVERY FAMILY List

Evidently W. R. Austin, Lafayette county pastor, likes the EVERY FAMILY Plan. A few days ago he sent in a list from Providence church, Grenada county. A few days later he led Shiloh church, Lafayette county, to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan and now he sends in the EVERY FAMILY list from Anchor church, Lafayette county.

Such helpful cooperation from Pastor Austin and many others is one reason why the circulation of The Baptist Record is now almost 35,000.

Lafayette county's Record readers are now listed as follows: CLEAR CREEK 39; Lafayette Springs 1; OXFORD 70; Paris 6; New Prospect 2; Taylor 2; ANCHOR 18, and SHILOH 24.

### EVERY FAMILY List Number 655

Comes From New Ireland (Newton County)

When Don Jones became pastor at New Ireland he said that one of his goals was the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

He has reached it.

Church Clerk T. L. Barfoot sends the list and we are glad to welcome New Ireland on the growing list of churches that have adopted this popular and progressive plan.

Subscriptions in Newton county are now listed as follows: BETHEL 18; Beulah 1; CENTER RIDGE 15; Chunky 1; CLARKE-VENABLE 96; CONEHATTA 37; GOOD HOPE 12; HICKORY 75; Lawrence 1; LIBERTY 48; Little Rock 1; Mt. NEBO 11; Midway 1; Mt. Pleasant 2; Mt. Vernon 1; NEWTON 168; Oakland 1; PINKNEY 37; PROVIDENCE 25; Roberts 1; ROCK BRANCH 40; ROCK HILL 16; STRATTON 12; UNION FIRST 161; PINE GROVE 12; DUFFEE 21; and NEW IRELAND 23.

### One Good Turn Deserves Another Shiloh and Providence Are Numbers 656 and 657

Having tried the EVERY FAMILY Plan elsewhere, Rev. W. R. Austin recently sent us a list from Providence church, Grenada county.

And to complete the day's work he presented the EVERY FAMILY Plan to Shiloh church where the Lafayette Association recently met and they did the usual thing—ADOPTED IT.

Many churches would do just as Shiloh did if pastors would lead the way.

The Baptist Record needs all the help pastors can give. Travel is more difficult with gasoline restrictions.

Grenada county's Record readers are now listed as follows: BETHEL 13; GRENADA 124; HARDY STATION 20; HOLCOMB 31; PROVIDENCE 19, and Graysport 1.

### Friendship Church, Jones County, is Number 658

Enlistment Pastor W. E. Greene lost no time in promoting The Baptist Record. Almost before he got started as enlistment pastor he sent in an

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Crystal Springs	389	127
Ackerman	123	42
New Albany	450	134
Wallerville	56	37
Cross Roads (Webster)	88	
Bethlehem (Jones)	74	98
Enon (Panola)	54	55
Olive Branch	89	56
Louisville	389	73
Ellison Ridge	120	33
Crystal Ridge (Mission)	68	
Mantee	98	38
Parkway	503	164
Griffith Memorial	587	317
Calvary Jackson	914	256
First church Jackson	1051	336

EVERY FAMILY list. In fact, these enlistment pastors are due a great deal of credit for the continued growth in circulation of The Baptist Record.

In sending the EVERY FAMILY list from Friendship church, Dr. Greene wrote as follows:

"Dear Brother Goodrich:

"Inclosed are names for EVERY FAMILY Plan for Friendship church, Jones county. Bro. Dave Harrison, pastor.

"We had a good meeting there this past week. Eight professions, Cooperative Program and Record presented and EVERY FAMILY Plan adopted. They are already over the top on Now Club.

"Sincerely,

"W. E. GREENE."

Jones county has Record readers as follows: ANTIOCH 34; BEACON 15; BETHEL 16; CENTERVILLE 35; County Line 1; ELLISVILLE 122; Es-tabutchie 1; HARMONY 37; Fairfield 2; LAUREL FIRST 415; 2ND AVENUE LAUREL 124; Lowrey Creek 10; MOSELLE 35; MT. ORAL 54; OVETT 48; PECAN GROVE 19; SAND HILL 21; SHARON 31; SHELTON 42; SOSO 20; SUMMERLAND 43; TUCKER CROSSING 14; WEST LAUREL 486; FRIENDSHIP 33; PINE GROVE 46.

### Bolivar County Association

Bolivar County Association is one of working associations in Mississippi. The best organized and smoothest Pastor W. C. Sledge and the Baptists of Shaw left nothing undone in entertaining the association.

A good program had been prepared and Moderator J. J. Burson saw that it was followed.

The letters to the association showed a net gain in membership of 285. Total gifts to missions and benevolences was \$8,823.64.

We were given a good place on the program to discuss The Baptist Record. And we heard the pastors of three of the few churches that don't have the EVERY FAMILY Plan say that they hoped to get it adopted very soon.

Record readers in Bolivar county are listed as follows: Benoit 1; BOYLE 66; CLEVELAND FIRST 170; DUNCAN 29; Gunnison 1; INTERSTATE 54; MERIGOLD 34; MORRISON CHAPEL 21; Pace 7; Providence 8; ROSEDALE 18; SHADY OAK 17; Shaw 19; SHELBY 45; SKENE 41; Stringtown 1, and WAXHAW 16.

## PROTESTANT PRESS MONTH (Continued from Page One)

ing and terrifying. According to the latest figures, about 50,000,000 newspapers are being printed every day; 55,000,000 copies of weekly magazines come off the presses every week, and 95,000,000 copies of monthly magazines are circulated each thirty days. How many millions of books are published each year is not known, but it is known that at least just before the war, not less than 1,100,000 tons of paper were used for books annually. From these figures one gets somewhat of an idea of the amount of reading material offered to the American people annually, some of it good, some indifferent, some bad, and a good deal very bad.

Speaking to a corner pharmacist about his magazine rack, I learned that a large share of his magazine sales were of the detective, murder and sexy variety. Estimated figures show that about 16,000,000 of the "horror" magazines were sold each month. 15,000,000 copies of the sex magazines are also sold each thirty days, with young people buying the larger share.

In contrast to all of this, the average weekly, monthly and quarterly circulation of the church press, is 13,000,000, this being distributed over about 1000 periodicals. With so much reading matter which is utterly indifferent and so much which is definitely harmful, is it not high time that the responsible leaders of the church get squarely behind that agency in the church which will assist them in their God-given task of making a better people and thus a better world—the church press?

In this present critical situation, when men are face to face with the progressive paganization of all relationships, the church press and the editors thereof have a very distinctive task. The great peril of today is crowd-mindedness. Altogether too many people are passive copies of the current mind. Emerson said long ago, that the great mass of people do no creative thinking. They are continually swayed by the soapbox. Men who do not read do not think. Soon they become narrow-minded and see only small worlds. The reading man, on the other hand, is the mentally alert man. He is the key man in the crises. The church paper, as it fosters and gives good reading, becomes in part responsible for the ideals, the standards, the convictions and the visions of a people.

To this end, the spread of good reading, the Associated Church Press fosters Protestant Press Month and designates the month of October. Let all clear-visioned churchmen combine in a campaign to utilize fully the high values of our church press. Let the editors and managers be encouraged in their promotion efforts to create for their papers larger opportunities for service to both church and state. Let readers beget readers until every Christian family shall have its heart warmed by the inspiration of its own church periodical.

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### MISSISSIPPI CLUB OF SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY HAS FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR

The Mississippi students of Southwestern Baptist Seminary had their first meeting of this year in the home of Dr. R. T. Daniel, who is a professor in the Old Testament Department, and sponsor of our Mississippi Club. Mrs. Daniel was formerly of Greenwood, Mississippi.

The meeting was opened with the introduction of all the new students. After various items of business had been mentioned, our sponsor brought us a brief message welcoming the new students, encouraging us in our work and urging us to continue in our fellowship as a state group.

At the close of this message, Mrs. Daniel served ice cream. The meeting was closed by some music by Mrs. Daniel and by the group, with joined hands, singing "Blest Be the Tie."

Those attending the meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Miller, Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Ivor L. Clark, Neshoba; Mr. and Mrs. Upton L. Higgins, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Kelva Moore, Newton; Mr. and Mrs. John B. Laney and family, Tupelo; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Howell and daughter, Hopewell; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Salley, Pickens; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Oliver and family, Duck Hill; Harry L. Hannah, Sturgis; C. Winfield Rich, West Point.

Mississippi students who are enrolled but did not attend the social are: Miss Sadie Lee Davis, Clinton; Eugene Speed, Eupora; Earl Waldrup, Carrollton; Mr. and Mrs. James High, Batesville; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Frye, Blue Mountain; Beatrice Walley, Overt; Upton Reynolds, Clarksdale; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Warren and family, Meridian.

(Exactly forty from Mississippi are enrolled.)

ALLEN WEBB,  
President, Mississippi Club.  
—BR—

The Boston Post said: "There will always be controversies between the wets and the dries, but whatever the soundness of the arguments of either side, there is no getting around the fact that the national and state treasuries have reaped harvests from the taxes imposed on alcoholic beverages. During 1942, there was a total of \$1,750,166,010 poured in to the government from this source. The industry led all others as a producer of public revenue." The National Prohibitionist, in replying to the foregoing, says: "The city of Los Angeles not long ago instituted an investigation of the cost of the liquor traffic to that city, and the report made to the city council was that the cost of taking care of the product of liquor selling places—drunkenness, disorderly conduct, crime—was four times the amount received in revenue from the saloons of that city. The same holds good nationally as well as locally and in the states. The cost of the liquor traffic to government is staggering, and that is a good word to use in this connection."—Watchman-Examiner.

During the recent revival at Clear Branch, Rankin county, the church surprised their pastor. At the close of the meeting the men presented the pastor, W. S. Landrum, with a bale of cotton as a love offering. We suggest this as a good plan to many other churches.

EXCUSE PLEASE—HOPE YOU ENJOYED FUSUKI\* LAST NIGHT!



### NEW MEXICO SETS THE PACE

Editor H. F. Burns of The Baptist New Mexican writes, under date of September 4, as follows:

"You will rejoice to learn that New Mexico now has an Association in which all of the families of all the churches receive The Baptist New Mexican through our Church Budget Plan. The area of the Association includes two counties and thirteen churches. I am wondering if this is not the first Association in the Southern Baptist Convention to have the state Baptist paper in every home of every church."

My guess is that New Mexico has set the pace for the rest of the states in this remarkable achievement. Is there another?

Editor Burns goes on to say:

"The success of our plan in New Mexico, which now gives us a circulation of 5,100 subscribers, has been the Church Budget Plan. (EVERY FAMILY Plan is the name in Mississippi.—Editor.) Our goal was 5,000. We now have slightly more than one copy of our paper for every five Baptists in our state."

This is the time to press the Budget Plan. Churches are preparing their budgets for the Every Member Cavanaugh. The people have more money than they have ever had. It is my belief that pastors who press for the paper in the Church Budget can accomplish this vitally important goal this fall.

LOUIE D. NEWTON,  
S. B. C. Chairman,  
State Baptist Papers.  
—BR—

Shady Oak church, Bolivar county: Our church has doubled in its membership this year, going from 32 last year to 67. Our gifts have also increased. Last year we gave \$100 and this year we have given to all causes \$750. It has truly been a year of victory for this mission church.—Charley L. Sandifer, pastor.

### FREE NURSE EDUCATION OFFERED BY BAPTIST HOSPITAL

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

The Board of Directors of the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans has declined to go into the Cadet Nurse Corps plan for the education of nurses. They declined the offer of Federal government funds and the hospital itself will bear all the expenses of educating young women nurses, and will itself make a cash allowance to each student of \$10 per month for the first year, \$15 per month, for the next 18 months, and \$25 per month for the last six months of training.

We were told we could not secure students unless we accepted tax money for expenses. "We believe there are enough Christian young women who desire to become nurses who will prefer not to be compelled to sign a contract to work for the government after they graduate; but who will be free to work wherever they may desire. Our graduates are eligible to enter the army, navy, public health, industry, private duty, civilian hospital, or any other line; and they will be free to choose, and not be bound by a contract signed three years before."

Applications for the January class are being received now. Applicants should be 17 years old, of Christian character, of normal weight and height, and of strong physique.

New Orleans, La.  
—BR—

The Christian Advocate vouches for the following story, which is most interesting. "The proprietor of the largest saloon in a west coast city owned a beautiful house, comfortably furnished, which was being offered for rent. Three prospective tenants had applied when an army chaplain appeared to make inquiry. Immediately the saloonkeeper said, 'You can have the house.' When the three protested, he replied, 'I'm going to rent it to the chaplain. I want a man in there who doesn't drink and have wild

### YES, I AM TEACHING BIBLE AGAIN

I am employed by the Louisville Baptist Church to teach in the Louisville high school. Pastor Day, supported by his deacons and his good church, has arranged for me to spend two periods a day with the high school boys and girls. My salary is to be paid by the church, but the school will give credit for work in Bible on the same basis as for work in any other department of the school. My classes are growing almost daily, and the boys and girls seem to be really interested.

To my thinking, Mr. Pearson, the superintendent of the Louisville schools, has gone at this problem in a most sensible way. He laid the matter before the pastor of each of the Louisville churches. When Brother Day put it before his deacons and later his church, they voted heartily and unanimously to put on the work, assuming all the expense. As yet the other churches have not seen fit to furnish teachers; but if they should do so, I am sure they would receive the same hearty co-operation that has been accorded me.

I do not know the church affiliation of more than three or four in the two classes—I know that they are not all Baptists. However, since I am an employee of the Louisville Baptist Church, I feel no more restraint from teaching kindly and with due consideration of people's feelings just what I find in the Bible than I did at Clarke College. I trust that the Lord will use me for the deepening of the spiritual lives of these young people—leading any lost ones that may be in the class to know the Saviour and inspiring them all unto Christian service.

I am still preaching to the Ellison Ridge church every Sunday, living in the Ellison Ridge community. Our work here is progressing in a gratifying manner.

JOHN F. CARTER.  
—BR—

Not for a long time have we seen a paragraph with which we more thoroughly agree than the following one by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Board of Education of the Methodist church: "If the church is to be called upon for greater support of its institutions, the church must be convinced that these institutions stand deliberately for something in the field of religion and the practices that religion demands. Our schools must be Christian without apology. Our faculties must be Christian in fact. Our efforts should be to make the students Christian just as truly as we teach them to think. There should be an end to the negative liberalism that glories in non-sectarianism that too often becomes non-everything in religion. This process destroys the justification for the church to maintain educational institutions."—Watchman-Examiner.

Ira C. Prosser, state Brotherhood secretary for Louisiana, is assisting the First Baptist Church, Hammond, Louisiana, in a revival. The pastor, C. Lee Bullard, is doing the preaching.

parties. I know the chaplain will not. The preacher gets the house."

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## Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley  
Soldiers, Sailors, Defense Projects  
Service

The following is the Invocation Address delivered by Chaplain Louis J. Lynch of the Jackson Army Air Base on the occasion of the dedication of the Foster General Army Hospital, Jackson, on September 18, 1943: "Almighty and most merciful Father, who through Thy divine Son hast sent health and gladness into the world, through Whom 'the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,' grant, we beseech Thee, Thy favor and blessings on this hospital which we dedicate in Thy honor today for the service of the sick. Mercifully show kindness to the injured and those who are ill. Inspire them with patience in the midst of suffering so that with Christ in Gethsemane they may turn to Thee and say, 'Not my will but Thine be done.'"

"Preserve them from all temptations toward dispondency, or revenge, and teach them to accept their trials after the example of our Saviour Who bore in His hands the imprint of the nails, Whose side was opened with a spear, and Whose head was crowned with thorns. Restore them to health if it be Thy will, but if Thou hast appointed otherwise, wean their affections from all things of the earth. Teach them not to fear death. Fill them with an ardent desire after heaven, prepare them for the unspeakable joy of being with You in the glory of eternal life."

"Lord bless all the things that are used to promote recovery and the return of health. Inspire our doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who have the care of the sick with charity, wisdom, and faith. Teach them to use wisely the things You have put in nature for the curing of the sick. And may their faith in prayer be strengthened by the example of Peter who said to the man who was lame from his mother's womb, 'Silver and gold I have none, but what I have, that I give thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise and walk.'"

**ARMY CHAPLAINS**—Our government is begging for more army chaplains. (Hear "Chaplain Jim," a radio program on Sunday afternoons.) Southern Baptists have an Army and Navy Committee on Chaplains. (Home Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, Ga.) When a pastor files his application for the chaplaincy, it goes to this Baptist committee and is given approval provided the pastor qualifies—professionally, physically, spiritually—and meets the educational requirements. If this application is approved, it is sent direct to Washington, D. C., and in due time the pastor is called into active service. He then enters the Chaplain's School at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., for four weeks. This is the usual procedure. Southern Baptist's quota of chaplains is based on the numerical strength of our denomination; other church groups furnish their chaplains on the same basis. This plan seems to be a fair one for all denominations. To date, the Home Mission Board reports that we have furnished 750 chaplains (April 5, 1943) and are

## CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Dr. Chester M. Savage

### Called and Accepted

J. H. Maddox, Metropolis, Ill.  
M. F. Kelly, Jenkins, Ky.  
U. G. Salters, Fairfield, Ill.  
D. D. Lewis, Holly Hill, S. C.  
J. C. Raikes, Magnolia, Ky.  
M. DeWitt Jackson, Miller Mem., Orlando, Fla.

L. M. Hamilton, Clarks Creek, Ky.  
Thad Entzminger, Manatee, Fla.  
W. E. Stewart, 38th Avenue, Hattiesburg, Miss.

H. L. Davis, Zion Hill, Forrest county, Miss.

J. H. Cothern, Richton, Miss.  
James A. Overton, Mena, Ark.  
Guy Wilson, Reynolds Memorial, Little Rock, Ark.

Russell Duffer, 3rd, Malvern, Ark.  
Roger M. Baxter, Horatio, Ark.  
James W. Parker, Gonzales, Texas.  
J. E. Cook, Stapleton, Ga.  
H. S. Mumford, Matthews, N. C.  
H. C. Bennett, Kilgore, Texas.  
Leroy Crawford, Boston Avenue, Muskogee, Okla.

Howard Moore, Davenport, Okla.  
C. L. Robinson, Ray City, Okla.  
Basil Berry, Carbondale, Tulsa, Okla.

Elmer L. Gray, Medford, Okla.  
John Smith, Broken Bow, Okla.  
Harry Morgan, Jr., Jenks, Okla.  
Dr. Edwin L. Skiles, Bainbridge Street, Richmond, Va.

### Resigned

J. H. Maddox, Cadiz, Ky.  
D. D. Lewis, Westminster, S. C.  
J. C. Raikes, Willisburg, Ky.  
M. DeWitt Jackson, Greenville, Fla.  
G. S. Kennard, Luray, Va.  
A. M. Seay, Blackstone, Va.  
D. S. Dempsey, Jackson Memorial, Portsmouth, Va.

W. L. Naff, Greenpoint, Va.  
Thad Entzminger, Morton's Gap, Ky.

C. B. Hastings, Harrisburg, Ill.  
V. A. Higgs, Holden Hts., Orlando, Fla.

W. E. Stewart, Leakesville, Miss.  
Milton Bailey, Pearland, Texas.  
James Kelly, First, Malvern, Ark.  
L. D. Summers, Mena, Ark.  
James W. Parker, Jackson Hill, Atlanta, Ga.

T. E. Moye, Alamo, Ga.  
J. E. Cook, Morrystown, Ga.

C. R. Pittard, Allapattah, Miami, Fla.

Vestal Tarpley, Daisey, Tenn.  
H. C. Bennett, Vivian, La.  
H. C. Price, DeQuincy, La.  
Leroy Crawford, Beggs, Okla.  
C. L. Robinson, Sasakwa, Okla.  
Basil Berry, Pharaoh, Okla.  
E. S. Mizell, Chelsea, Okla.  
E. L. Gray, Purdon, Texas.  
Ben Bland, Bowlegs, Okla.  
Dr. Edwin L. Skiles, Russellville, Ky.  
B. A. Rogers, Queen City, Tyler, Tex.

asked to furnish 93 more by the end of 1943. If we fail, only Southern Baptists can be held accountable for this failure to supply the needed demand.

**RADIO**—Chaplain Gerrit H. Rientjes, Jackson Army Air Base, Jackson, Mississippi, needs a portable radio for an army hospital ward. If you have one, even though it is not working but could be repaired, write this chaplain.

## CHINA AND HER PEOPLE

REFORMS Continued

By T. W. Ayers  
Retired Missionary

To have the women of China unbind their feet and to cease binding the feet of little girls, like nearly all the other helpful reforms among the Chinese, was started by the Christian missionary. One of the requirements



DR. T. W. AYERS

of a woman to become a member of a church was that she should unbind her feet. To do this then required a great sacrifice; not only was it a violation of a custom which was almost universal, for the only women in China with natural feet were the prostitutes, and it was exceedingly embarrassing to the Christian woman to be seen by strangers, for she was in danger of being insulted on account of her big feet. So to meet this requirement for church membership required a sacrifice not easy to make, and only the strength given by the Lord made it possible.

At the time this reform was started the only girls' schools in China were those conducted by missionaries, and no girl could become a pupil of one of these schools with bound feet.

There was no law which required that the feet of little girls be bound; neither was there any religious significance attached to it. It was simply a fashion, and the fashion goes so far back in the history of China that no one at present knows the date of its origin, or who or what started it. But it is a fashion which became universal.

It is strange how a woman will punish her body for a fashion. On one occasion while in China, I was speaking to a great crowd of Chinese in the port city of Lung Ko on the evils of foot binding. I pointed out the injury which came to the body from the jolt to the body caused by having to walk on the heels. At the close of my talk a handsome, well-dressed young Chinese man made his way through the crowd and asked if it would be polite for him to ask me a few questions. He stated that he recently returned from America, where he was graduated from one of our great universities, and that while in America he was impressed with the small waists which American women were able to have by tight lacing, and he wanted to know which was more injurious to the body—the binding of the feet or the waist? What could I say?

At the age of six or eight years the little girls' toes, except the great toe, are turned under the bottom of the foot, and the foot is then tightly bandaged to hold the toes in position. This is exceedingly painful, but, strange to say, the children willingly bear the pain, for they know it would be difficult for their parents to get a husband for them if they had big, ugly feet, for no man thinks a big foot is pretty. As soon as a bandage is soiled, it is replaced with a new one, and this is continued for life, and the bandage is tight enough to stop the growth of the foot. So a grown wo-

## MACON PASTOR WRITES SERVICE MEN

Pastor R. D. Pearson of Macon keeps up with his men in service by writing them a letter frequently.

The last letter sent out was as follows:

September 23, 1943

Dear Men in Service:

Those of you who have recently gone from us know that we have your names not only on our church membership roll, but also on our Sunday School Extension roll, on our Service Honor Roll, on our Prayer Calendar and on our mailing list. As Paul wrote to the church members at Philippi, saying, "I have you in my heart," so we write to you.

We are sending to you with this letter your copy of the special Service Men's Sunday School Quarterly. We sincerely hope that this little booklet may be of help to you in a spiritual way. That it will help by encouraging you to study these lessons from God's Holy Word, which lessons we also shall be studying from week to week. As we meet at the church for Sunday school and worship services, we shall be thinking of you and praying for you.

May we ask that you pray for us, your fellow church members at home, as we strive to carry on in the great Kingdom work of our Christ in these trying times? We feel that you want your church to carry out the will of Christ both here at home, and in all of His Kingdom work beyond. We need your prayers and your interest.

We would be glad to have a letter or a card from you at any time.

Yours in Christian love and fellowship,  
First Baptist Church,  
R. D. Pearson, Pastor.

## Dear Individual Baptist

Has God blessed you this year?  
Have you made your gift to the  
Blue Mountain College endowment?

A well-rounded education requires close application of the four R's—Reading, 'Ritin', 'Rithmetic and Religion.—The Protestant Voice.

man has a foot the size of a child's.

Before the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty the Empress Dowager issued a decree that all women should unbind their feet, and that the binding of the feet of little girls should cease. This led some of the higher classes to unbind their feet, but the masses ignored it. But when a law was passed opening girls' schools and forbidding any girl to enroll with bound feet, it had more influence in doing away with the foot-binding than any effort made before or since.

Today few bound feet are to be seen in the cities, or among the educated classes in rural districts, but among the poorer and uneducated classes the bound foot is still seen, and they continue to bind the feet of little girls. But the reform is going forward, and will continue until no bound feet are to be found in China.

When the Manchus conquered China in 1644, they issued a decree compelling the Chinese men to shave their heads and grow a queue in token of their submission. No man dared not to comply, and when the Manchu dynasty was overthrown all the Chinese had queues. Under the new regime the law to cut off the queue was as rigidly enforced as was the Manchu law to wear them. Off they came, and today there are no queues to be seen in China.



## DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING

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BEN KITCHENS and  
SCOTCHIE BOY McCALL

The 12-year-old Junior Union in the Clinton Baptist Church is proud of their leader and also proud of their name. The leader is Mrs. D. A. McCall, and the name of the Union is "Onwego." Breaking this name down it reads on we go! After adopting the name Mrs. McCall asked the Juniors to write an essay on "What Onwego Means to Me." A group of these Juniors responded to the suggestion and turned in splendid papers. In recognition of this interest and fine spirit of cooperation Mrs. McCall decided to give an award to the boy having the best essay among the papers sent in by the boys, and also to the girl having the best essay submitted by the girls. A picture of the first place girl, Jean Goodrich, daughter of the editor of The Baptist Record, was not available, nor was the picture of the girl awarded second place available, this being Jane McDaniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McDaniel. The picture of the boys taking first prize appears above—Ben Kitchens, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Kitchens of Mississippi College, and Scotchie Boy McCall, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. A. McCall. These boys tied for first place and each received as an award a nice basketball. The award given the girls was a fountain pen with their name printed on it. These boys and girls were promoted to the Intermediate Union the first of October and carry with them an interest and zeal that will be injected into the Intermediate Union, helping that Union take its place among the best Intermediate Unions that exist. Scotchie Boy carries with him a year of perfect daily Bible readings record. We expect to reward him each year from now on with the annual Daily Bible Readers certificate and seals. His example should inspire other Juniors and Intermediates to become daily Bible readers.

### First Call to State B. T. U. Convention

December 30-31 has been set as the time for our State Training Union Convention this year. Note we are changing from Thanksgiving to after Christmas. This seems best because our general Baptist Convention meets the week before Thanksgiving, and it prevents many of our pastors coming right back the next week to another meeting. We deeply appreciate the presence of our pastors in our State Convention, hence wanted to put it at a time when they could conveniently come. The days set are during

the Christmas holidays, making it possible for our school folk, both teachers and pupils to attend. We will have our Bible stories, Junior memory work, sword drill and Young People's speaking and the winners in these drills at our district Conventions last June are invited to participate in the program at the state Convention. We will have our talent parade also, and many other interesting features. On the second day, Friday, Dec. 31, we will conduct a training program for associational officers. Every associational officer is urged to attend, and especially do we urge all associational directors and department leaders to attend. Following this meeting we are asking EVERY association to hold a special meeting on the evening of MONDAY, JANUARY 24th. The associational director and department leaders will render the program on that evening. Plans for this meeting with suggestions will be discussed at the state meeting on December 31. The place of meeting for the Convention is Calvary church Jackson.

### Holly Springs Elects Frank Nichols

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nichols, newcomers to Holly Springs, but coming with a good record of work well done in the church they came from in Memphis, were inducted into service by the Holly Springs Baptist Church, Mr. Nichols accepting the place as Training Union director, and Mrs. Nichols assigned to the task of establishing a new Baptist Adult Union, this union to be made up of the younger adults of the church. We congratulate this good church on their selection of leaders, and we congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Nichols on the honor the church has conferred on them.

### 15th Avenue Meridian Elects Director

Miss Dorothy Gilbert, educational director at 15th Avenue church Meridian was recently elected Training Union director. Miss Gilbert has all the qualifications for a Training Union director, and the Union will suffer no loss in the change even though they have had one of the very best, Mrs. Wm. L. Compere. Mrs. Compere found it necessary to resign the office and the church was happy in having one who could take up the work and carry it on in a great way.

Mrs. Varda Smith assumes the office of B. A. U. director in the New Albany church. Mrs. Smith, until recent years, was among our best leaders in the state in our Training Union. Because of sickness in the home she had to drop out for awhile and we are delighted to have her back on our mailing list. The Adult department will be matching records with the best in the South under her leadership, and we congratulate this group in the Training Union of their selection of director.

### Miss Wallis at Magee

It was just for one evening, but the visit Miss Wallis made to Magee Bap-

### "IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE"

By Dr. William Potter

Pastor

First Baptist Church, McLain, Miss.

This is a time-tested axiom. Manufacturers of various commodities have attested its truth. The merchants and producers who have survived the low tides of business depressions invariably are the ones who "kept everlastingly at it" by truthfully advertising their products to the consumer. The thought for this message came from three well-known and reputable trade-marks that have stood with respect in the marts of trade during the last century. They are, indeed, applicable to our Christian living. For instance: "Eventually! Why Not Now?"

This trade-mark I remember from earliest childhood. It was the hall mark of better flour. When you thought of flour, you thought of the slogan which made it so well-known. To the procrastinating sinner this is a worthwhile question to ponder. Heaven or hell? Which? Eventually the day of judgment will be upon us. Why not secure for yourself an abiding place in the eternal heavens by answering the question, "What must I do to be saved?" and "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Church member! Eventually you will receive your rewards for Kingdom service. Why not now, insure those merits of faithful service to Christ by obedience to Luke 9:23.

### "There's a Reason"

A cereal concern has used this slogan, effectively, for a good many years. There are always in our churches, happy, smiling, working Christians. "There's a reason!" They have accepted the Word "as it is written" and have found joy in the service of the King. Then, too, we have our share of "down-in-the-mouth," lazy, inconsiderate, unconsecrated church folk. "There's a reason!" They BELIEVE but don't act. They may "live in the spirit" but are not "walking in the spirit." "There's a reason" why some folks are leaders and others are leaners. "There's a reason" why some are hearers and others are doers. Their attitude toward Christ is the main reason.

### "His Master's Voice"

Radio greatly reduced the sale of phonographs and records and has taken from store windows that most colorful replica of the dog listening to the phonograph record. He was listening to "his master's voice." Abraham did; Noah did; Mary did; Paul did. Are you? The voice of the risen Christ is still saying, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Are you listening? It is sweet to hear him speak. It is sweeter still to heed. "It pays to advertise."

### Dear Individual Baptist

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tist Church resulted in added interest in the work of the officers who met her at the church on Tuesday night, September 7th, for an hour or more conference on ways and means for a better Training Union. She found them already working at the job, but eager to get new ideas.

### MINISTERIAL MUSINGS

My duties as a denominational representative took me some 23 years ago to a country church in Webster county for a short visit. It was a part of the country which I had never before visited, and this visit was a good deal of a venture. I got off the train at a little station on what is now the Columbus and Greenville Railroad.

Nobody was looking for me, and I began looking for somebody or some way to get out to the country church. I was told that there was a farmer from that neighborhood who was in town, and after a search I found him. I introduced myself and told him I was very anxious to get out to the church before the morning service was over.

He agreed to take me the seven miles in his wagon, and I was duly thankful. We went to the wagon and found that for a seat we had a board with plenty of splinters which we laid across the bed. He had two little yellow mules with striped legs which he guided with two ropes.

As soon as we started I asked him if he were a Christian. He said he was not; I tried to show him the way of salvation. Then I asked him how many churches were in his neighborhood. He said, "Two; a Baptist and a Methodist." I asked him how they were getting on. His reply was, "Dead as a door nail; they ain't doin' nothin'." I asked if there was no religious interest or work in the community. He said, "The Holy Rollers are raisin' sand." I felt almost grateful for the Holy Rollers.

Then I asked him what sort of crops they had. He said, "We ain't made nothin'." I asked him why; and he answered, "No rain; everything burnt up." Then I thought of the song we sing often: "He sends the sunshine and the rain; He sends the harvest's golden grain; sunshine and rain; He's my friend."

The churches died; then the crops died. And I've remembered what the old prophet said in the long ago: "Will a man rob God? Bring ye the whole tithe into the store house, that there may be food in my house; and prove me now here unto, saith the Lord; if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

If we suffer financial losses; if doctor's bills and hospital bills accumulate, may the Lord open our eyes to the cause of our trouble, and lead us to repentance.—P. I. Lipsey in Brookhaven Church Bulletin.

—BR—

"It is a fact that the Great Northern Railway has discontinued the sale of liquors, wines and beer on all its trains except that in the states of Minnesota and North Dakota, so-called beer, which is considered by law a non-intoxicating malt beverage, will be sold on our trains except Nos. 7 and 8, operated between St. Paul-Minneapolis and Winnipeg, Canada.—A. J. Dickerson, passenger traffic manager.—The Watchman-Examiner.

J. B. Reynolds, of Eupora, Miss., has been appointed general field supervisor for the Red Cross for East Central Georgia. Mr. Reynolds is a graduate of Mississippi College and formerly taught science in Clinton high school.



## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

### Teaching Them

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have Commanded you. . ."

The main purpose of the Sunday school is to teach the Bible to the people. It is God's message to all people. One of the great needs of our schools is a renewed emphasis on the place and importance of the teaching of the Word in the hearts and lives of our people.

There should be continuous study and planning with a view to better teaching just as there should be with a view to improving every other part of the school program. How many times do we hear statements by superintendents, pastors, teachers and others, giving emphasis to the desire for better teaching. This is certainly as it should be. As long as we are dissatisfied with present attainments, there is a mighty good chance for improvement and growth.

In line with the matter of improving our teaching in the Sunday school, the Sunday School Board has published a new book to be used in the Sunday school training course for the purpose of improving teaching. The author of the book is Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. To say that Dr. Dobbins is the author of a book on teaching is just another way of saying that it is a great book. He himself is a great teacher, one of the very best among us.

The title of this new book by Dr. Dobbins is THE IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHING IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. It is the same price as all the other Sunday school study course books.

We could wish that every teacher in the whole country would study this book! We hope that during these fall months, at the very beginning of the new Sunday school year when there are many new officers and teachers enlisted, that the leaders will plan for a special week for all the workers to study this new book on the improvement of teaching. This is a glorious opportunity to major in the training program in that that is the most important function of a Sunday school—the teaching of God's word to the people.

### New Junior Lessons

The Baptist Sunday School Board is one of the greatest agencies that Southern Baptists have for promoting every phase of our work. They spare no pains or efforts to give us the best in everything. This applies in a particular way to the matter of our literature. They study, plan and work constantly to improve it, and they have succeeded in a great way.

There has recently come from the press the New Junior Graded Lessons. We have received a copy of the pupil's book for each of the four years of the Junior department and also a copy of the teacher's book for each year. One cannot even look at the design and make-up of these splendid periodicals without being immediately impressed that somebody has done lots of hard work on them. We certainly commend most heartily those who had charge of this important work.

The New Junior Graded Lessons are entirely new, and are available now for the first quarter of the new Sunday school year, that has just begun. The Graded Lessons in our Sunday schools are for those schools that are worked on the closely graded basis. How fortunate indeed are the teachers and pupils who will have the privilege of studying these New Junior Graded Lessons this year. It hardly seems that any improvement could be made on them.

Of course, all of the quarterlies and teachers' books are to be ordered from the Sunday School Board, Nashville 3, Tenn.

### Reach the Unreached

A number of churches in each of the Southern states are now in the midst of a special program to reach for the Sunday school the resident church members not enrolled.

From recent figures given by Dr. Alldredge on this item, we find that in Mississippi there are 134,056 resident church members who are not enrolled in Sunday school, and practically two million of them in the South. This is certainly a most fertile field for our Sunday schools. We do not even have to take a census to find them, but simply check the church roll against the Sunday school roll and get the names of all those who are resident church members but who are not on the Sunday school roll. These names can then be divided among the classes and departments in order that a special program of contact and visitation shall be made in the interest of reaching for Bible teaching the great hosts of people who are members of our churches and living in those communities, but who are not members of the Sunday school and are not getting Bible teaching.

How we do need to put forth a special effort for this particular cause that could result in definite and regular Bible teaching to hosts of church members not in Sunday school—most of whom are adults.

In Inside Enlargement Campaign, now being promoted by Southwide and State departments, is for this very cause. If your church wants to enter it, write us for information and materials designed for this special work.

### Black Jack

We are happy to report that the Bethel church (Black Jack), Yazoo county, is now standard for the first time in the history of that great old church. Dr. A. A. Kitchings is the pastor and Mr. A. N. Nichols the efficient superintendent. Our congratulations to them on this excellent work of bringing their school up to this high plane.

### Just One Short

We are now within one of having as many standard Sunday schools this year as we did in all of 1942, a record that is better than that of any state in the South in this respect. What school will be the one to bring us up to the 1942 record? One more will reach that all-time record of last year, and two more will give us another new record. Please help us out.

## NOW CLUB

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I  
You will recall that now bearded story of the Negro preacher who was trying to challenge his people to greater heights in service. He said, "Brethren, our church oughta walk." Some of the congregation responded, "Amen! Amen!" The preacher continued, "Brethren, our church oughta run." Again the chorus, "Amen! Amen!" The preacher shouted, "Brethren, the church oughta fly!" Again the response, "Amen! Amen!" The preacher said, "Now brethren, it will take money to make our church fly." From some in the congregation: "Let her walk, pastor, let her walk."

Moral application: We certainly want to get rid of these bonds and attendant interest! It takes money to do that! Two answers: "Amen, Amen," or money—tithes and offerings. Which shall it be? Tithes or talk?

The Bible: "Let us not love in WORD only but in DEED and in TRUTH."

### II

The Israelites could not make brick without straw. They could not make their quota of brick and take time to gather the straw. Exodus 5:7-8.

This office cannot pay off bonds without the money. We cannot carry on the many duties assigned and spend all the time in the field collecting money.

Multitudes of Mississippi Baptists realize this fact and are responding nobly. That is the reason for great progress.

However, we have quite a task ahead of us in order to come to the 1944 Convention debt free.

Other Mississippi Baptists may greatly help by joining in the MARCH TO VICTORY!

"DEBTS AWAY!"

### Dear Individual Baptist

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The following Associations meet next week:

Deer Creek—Rolling Fork Baptist Church, October 11-12.

Clay—Pheba Baptist Church, October 12.

Leftore—Riverside Baptist Church, (Money), October 12.

Walthall—Mesa Baptist Church, October 12-13.

Union County—Old Oak Grove Baptist Church, October 12-13.

Newton—New Ireland Baptist Church, October 13-14.

Marion—New Hope Baptist Church, October 14.

Pike—Magnolia Baptist Church, October 14.

Pontotoc—Valley Grove Baptist Church, October 14.

Union—Port Gibson Baptist Church, October 14.

Riverside—Lyon Baptist Church, October 14.

Attala—Sallis Baptist Church, October 14.

Copiah—Fall session not given.


Smith—Sardis Baptist Church, October 13.

Scott—Bethlehem Baptist Church, October 14-15.

Lincoln—Gum Grove Baptist Church, October 15.

Chickasaw—Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, October 15.

New Choctaw—Hopewell Baptist Church, October 15.



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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA



## MARINE SAYS PASTOR'S PRAYERS SAVED 101 HELENA SURVIVORS

By Clarence Daigle

Through the jungle of a Japanese-held island, the New Orleans marine wandered wearily in search of water and food. On the success of his mission depended the lives of 101 of his companions, survivors of the USS Helena, sunk by Japanese torpedoes July 6.

While he was searching, prayer was being offered for his protection in the little church in Metairie.

The New Orleans marine found the water. He gathered roots and fruit, and brought them back to his companions.

He was home today, on a furlough, and believes in his heart it was because of the prayers that he was able to endure and survive the ordeal.

The epic of Corporal (then Private) Adam begins sometime before the fateful July 6. On May 30, a group of boys from Metairie was lounging on the deck of the Helena between engagements.

They were talking of home, perhaps a little frightened about the future. None was especially religious, not even Private Adam. Of course they went to church on Sundays.

Out there they thought of their pastor, kindly Rev. Felix Miller. One of them suggested that they would write him, and ask for prayer. Corporal Adam was chosen to write the letter.

He wrote the letter.

"I am aboard the Helena and fortunate enough to have met many of my buddies from our parish," he wrote. "They join me in asking special prayers for themselves and all the members of the crew of the Helena."

The letter was mailed.

On July 6, the Helena, a member of a United States task force, was engaged in mortal combat with the Japanese fleet.

"We had just sunk two destroyers," Private Adam said. "But before they sunk they had released three torpedoes. The first torpedo struck us, and then the second. We were ordered to abandon ship."

"I went aft, fastened a lifebelt around me. The second torpedo struck the ship directly beneath where I was standing. They tell me I was blown 100 feet into the air. I don't know, because I was unconscious. They thought I had been killed."

"It must have been about ten minutes later when I regained consciousness. I was floating in the ocean and around me were my companions. We drifted in the water for three days, and finally landed on a Japanese island. I had the only weapon, a knife."

"Many of my companions were wounded. Friendly natives helped us to bring them into the bushes. Then I went into the jungle alone to search for water and food."

Meanwhile, Rev. Miller had received the letter, almost simultaneously with the announcement that the Helena had been sunk. He read the letter in church and the people of Metairie began to pray. A special prayer was offered on July 11.

"We stayed on the island for seven days. As the Japs would find us, we moved farther back into the jungle," Private Adam continued. "There were four other marines with myself. We stood guard during the night, while companions, mostly sailors, many of

## BLESSINGS ON PASTOR AND PEOPLE!

The report of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention states that a "danger" to our Baptist Colleges inheres in the problem of patronage. Far too many of our Baptist people have not taken advantage of the facilities of our Christian schools. Patronage in the main is determined by what the constituency wants of education. Most of our Southern Baptist schools are liberal arts colleges with fine arts and teacher training as adjuncts. In Cicero's time knowledge of subjects as liberal arts were those considered suitable for free men as distinguished from the need of trade and skills. These favored sons studied the cultural subjects which would give them a broad understanding to fit them for worthy living. Southern Baptist institutions add to this general knowledge a Christian philosophy. The distinctive purpose of the Christian institutions is to provide a way of living in the thinking of the student as well as a professional or technical skill. Too many of our Baptist people are more interested in the purely utilitarian type of education and the contracts made in large state institutions which may lead to political and economic relationships in later life. While both of these are worthy objectives in education, it is far more important that our young people secure a Christian philosophy as a pattern of thought, and on this basis we must wage our war for Christian Education."

The problems mentioned above, fortunately, are not among those facing Blue Mountain College. This symbol of Christian education, which has been sustained by the "everlasting arms" for 71 years, is happy to announce that the pastors and people of Mississippi believe in Christian education. Again they have proven this by sending to Blue Mountain another overflow enrollment of choice girls from 75 per cent of Mississippi's counties. Girls are also enrolled from eighteen states, the District of Columbia, Argentina, Brazil, and Hawaii.

Blue Mountain received 109 more applications for enrollment this session than it had beds in all of its dormitories. It was necessary to return 43 room reservation checks and to decline 20 others. The college opened with an overflow of 53, partially taken care of by converting faculty rooms and guest rooms into living quarters for students. It was necessary to borrow 30 beds from another educational institution.

Mississippi Baptists believe in Christian education.

whom were wounded, rested."

"Our food was papayus, green roots and green bananas, which we cooked. It was an awful tasting mess, but it kept us alive. Without it and water we would have died."

"Then came the day when destroyers came to pick us up. Our planes swarmed overhead. And we weren't afraid any more."

Corporal Adam's voice was low.

"What did I do? I did nothing. It was Him. The Big Boy up there. He was the one who really did it. You know before this happened I hardly went to church. Now, I never miss a Sunday. I learned what it means our there."—New Orleans Item.

## DR. McCALL'S INAUGURATION

The Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans, Louisiana, is happy to announce the coming inauguration of the institution's third president, Dr. Duke K. McCall. The program is planned to begin on Wednesday evening, December 1, continuing through Thursday, December 2. Detailed announcements will be made later. Friends of the Institute are requested to keep the above dates in mind.—P. H. Anderson.

### Dear Individual Baptist

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Blue Mountain College endowment?



1. Do you know how many verses and how many chapters there are in the Bible? Make a guess, then see correct answers.
2. Have you ever heard of the "Treacle Bible" and if so, for what reason was it so called?
3. What does "heath in the desert," as mentioned in Jeremiah 17:6 mean?
4. "Self-immolation" is often heard from various pulpits. Can you explain its meaning?  
(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

## "HIS BLOOD AT THY HAND"

Ezekiel 33:7-11

### SPIRITUAL FRUITS AND FLOWERS FROM MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST MISSION FIELD

"Help Win Your State to Our Lord Jesus"

III  
GOD'S BLESSINGS FLOW AS HIS SERVANT OBEYS  
JESUS IN ACTS 1:8

The greatest thrill of my Christian life came during a Vacation Bible School this summer in a rural church in Holmes county. It was my privilege to lead a seventeen year old deaf and dumb Catholic boy to Christ. The boy came from a Baptist home but while in Jackson at school was talked into becoming a Catholic. When we first began writing—this was the only way I could talk to him—there was a puzzled look on his face. As we read from the Bible he saw his lost condition and began to cry like a baby. We read on and he saw that there was a way of escape from his lost condition. I don't believe I have ever seen a more radiant satisfied expression on anyone's face as he said within his own heart and wrote these words on the paper, "I believe what you say and accept Jesus as my Saviour."

He had a small Catholic prayer book in his pocket book. This he gave to me in exchange for a small New Testament, which I sent him as soon as I got back to Jackson. All the time we were talking he had a rosary around his neck. When he gave his heart to Jesus and saw that he did not have to have that to pray with, he took it off and put it in his pocket. His mother, who was very worried about him but did not know how to talk with him, said when he came home that he sat down and began tearing up his rosary. When she asked him why, he said, "No good." I expressed a desire for the rosary to her. She told him and that night as we went to the church he was the first one to meet me. To me that meant complete surrender. When the invitation was given at our commencement program he was the second of seven coming to confess Christ as his Saviour. That is just one of the fruits of your State Mission work.

—Carolyn Madison

### SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

Pascagoula, Mississippi

#### LETTER TO JOHN A. FARMER FROM THE PASTOR

Our work is going fine. The church adopted a budget, October 1, for the coming year of \$5,490.00. Two hundred dollars was included for local evangelistic work. We have an evangelistic committee that is really working. We are carrying the gospel to many on the streets, in the jail, and mission at Bayou Cassotte. I want you to listen to this: Last Tuesday evening, I went to the jail to visit with the prisoners, after we had been there the Sunday before and had services. I talked with them about their need for Jesus for a little while and then we had prayer. God visited us with mighty power and twenty-one persons made profession of faith in Christ. Fifteen of these were white persons and six were Negroes. Pray that God can use and make us willing to be used in a mighty way in this great mission field, to bring souls to Christ.

This church has received vital aid from State Mission funds and workers.

#### A FRUIT OF STATE MISSIONS

One of the many fruits of State Mission work in Mississippi is the Kreole church in Jackson association. Not many years ago this church was only a small band of Christian workers struggling along trying to carry on a church program. Each year for several years the State Mission Board gave money for the work in this church, and thus aided that loyal group in the carrying on of the work.

Today it is a church that is carrying on its work without the aid of the State Board, and they have erected a nice building with several Sunday School rooms, which has contributed to a much larger program of work in all the different activities of the church.

Had it not been for the help of State Missions this church would never have advanced to the place that it has today, within the same length of time. What has been accomplished with the aid of State Missions would have been greatly delayed if it had ever come to pass.

When we give to State Missions we give to help many churches that will some day be returning to State Mission work more than they ever received.

—E. C. WILLIAMS

## STATE MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 24TH

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# Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for October 10  
REVERENCE FOR GOD

Bible Texts: Ex. 20:3-12; Matthew 4:10; 6:9; John 4:23, 24

I. The Language of the Commandments. Ex. 20:3-7.

J. G. Murphy says, "The first commandment guards the unity of God; the second commandment, His spirituality; the third, His deity or essence." That is, it says there is one God besides Whom there is none else. And it will at once occur to you that this is a lesson the world has not yet by any means learned.

The second commandment, "Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image," says, "God is spirit," hence, there is not only no need of material representations of Him, but the danger of men according worship to the created thing, the image, instead of the God Whom the image is said to represent, is too great for the good that might be done by the employment of the image. Of course the enlightened leaders of the people who make the images will contend that they do not worship the very image itself. Any enlightened priest of any heathen religion will make that contention, but he fails to remark that the masses of the people who bow down to the images fail to make the distinction he does, and do worship the created thing.

The third commandment asserts the holiness, the worthiness, the removedness from the common of God. Thou shalt hallow, reverence, exalt, the name of the Most High. Thou shalt not make His name a common word. Thou shalt not take that ineffable name upon careless lips, thou shalt not loose a wild tongue that hath not God in awe.

The breach of this commandment is shockingly common and utterly useless. It is sad enough when the

men of a country indulge profane tongues in the making common of the name of the Most High, but when the womanhood, the accepted conservators of our lofty standards of life and conduct in every walk of it, turn tongues that were meant for praise into babblers of profanity, it is about time for somebody to take alarm.

Of course, when our Lord instructs us to pray, "Hallowed be Thy name," He intends for that expression to grow out of a heart in which the name has been hallowed, and no mere utterance of the tongue, aside from any serious engagement of the heart, will ever meet the high requirement of the Lord for a genuine faith and a filial fear of God. "Why call ye Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not the things that I say?" And not even the surface meaning of that other statement, "Not every one that saith unto Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father," will suffice for a reverence of the name of the Most High. It is very well for the hand to do right, for the tongue to speak right, for the head to think right. All these things are right and good; but, except the heart shall feel right, they are all in vain. The exhortation from of old has lost none of its force or necessity with the passing years, and "Son, give me thine heart," holds with binding power today as it was on yesterday.

So the exhortation is unto a spirit of true reverence, unto an attitude of humility before God, unless the purpose that bows the heart in reverential awe before the spotless purity of His awful power.

II. The Answer of Faith to the Suggestion of the Tempter. Matt. 6:9.

"He led Him up, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world is a moment of time. And the devil said unto Him, To Thee will I give all this authority, and the glory of them: for it hath been delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will, I give it. If Thou, therefore, wilt worship before me, it shall all be Thine." (Luke 4:5-6.) Does look as though the devil was telling the truth about that, doesn't it? This world order does seem to belong to the devil. He seems to be in authority here and now in a dominion that extends pretty well over the whole earth. Even here in so-called Christian America, our public affairs are sometimes so conducted as to leave us little room to boast that we are a Christian nation. Municipalities fall under the authority of "machines," and whole states become the prizes of factions, or we have to perceive that all are for a party and none are for the state. Years ago, a leading editor of this state, after seeing his party go down in defeat after a strenuous political campaign, spread across the front page of his paper the big-print heading, "The Country Has Gone to the Devil: Let Her Slide." There may come times when any one of us will feel that way. But is that ever true? Is it correct for us to say that the earth and the fullness thereof belong to the devil? He may have charge of it for the time, as a thief may have charge of an automobile which he has stolen, or a kidnaper have charge of the person of a child whom he has stolen from its home; but the devil is a liar and, in this as in every other instance, he is preserving that character. This our Lord

## THY WILL BE DONE

I cannot at times see my path,  
Which leads me to His realm above;  
I oft grow faint as He leads on  
O'er tortuous ways with hand of love.  
But I know in Immanuel's land,  
Once reached I'll fully understand.

I cannot always see the plan  
He hath designed for my brief life;  
Confusing sounds around me blow,  
And I am dazed by earthly strife;  
Yet each detail He doth o'er see,  
To make my life with His agree.

We may not know or understand  
Our steps as guided by His rule;

knew, and did not take time to answer.

"Take it from me!" That was the devil's exhortation to Jesus. "Do homage to me for it, and you may hold it of me." I am re-reading Green's matchless History of the English People, and have lately read the story of crafty King John's delivery of the Kingdom of England to the pope, and of his kneeling to the pope's representative and receiving the kingdom from the pope to be held by John as the liegeman of the pope. This was what the devil proposed that Jesus do. "Thou shalt do homage to the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Thus our Lord met the challenge of the devil.

III. Our Heavenly Father. Matthew 6:9.

"Our Father Who art in heaven," thus runs the prayer. But I do not think our Lord thereby meant to locate the Lord in a given place. Our Father is just as truly here by the kitchen window where I am writing these words on my wife's machine as He is in the largest cathedral or church in the world, just as much here in this flat delta country as He is on the brow of the loftiest mountain, or in the deepest canyon or on the most distant island. But what our Teacher did mean to say was that we were to address our Father as our Father of the heavenly character. He is the heavenly in personality, He of the heavenly heart, He of the heavenly way, of the heavenly life, that is the kind of a Father He is. And since He is so, our thought of Him must be of like character, our words to Him must be of the same sort, our thought must never drag Him into a low or vulgar position. His name must be held in reverence.

IV. The Seeking Father. John 4:23, 24.

The God of the exalted heart is a Father, tender with a tenderness made all the more tender because of the unwavering firmness with which He holds to His purpose of making His children good. We may, I think, say with perfect reverence that it is difficult for even God to make men good, to cultivate in His children the Father's life. He is seeking men and women in whom He may plant the spirit of true worship and in whom He may cultivate the same to the glory of His grace. Be sure of this: the only facet of His character He ever shows to men is the fatherly facet. Always to the world He is the Father God, the seeking Father, the Father who seeketh worshipers, that they may worship Him in spirit and in truth, that they may worship Him in genuineness and reality instead of in superficiality and formality.

We often fail to do the tasks

He gives us in life's hard school;  
But we may learn for tasks, each one,  
To say with joy, "Thy will be done."

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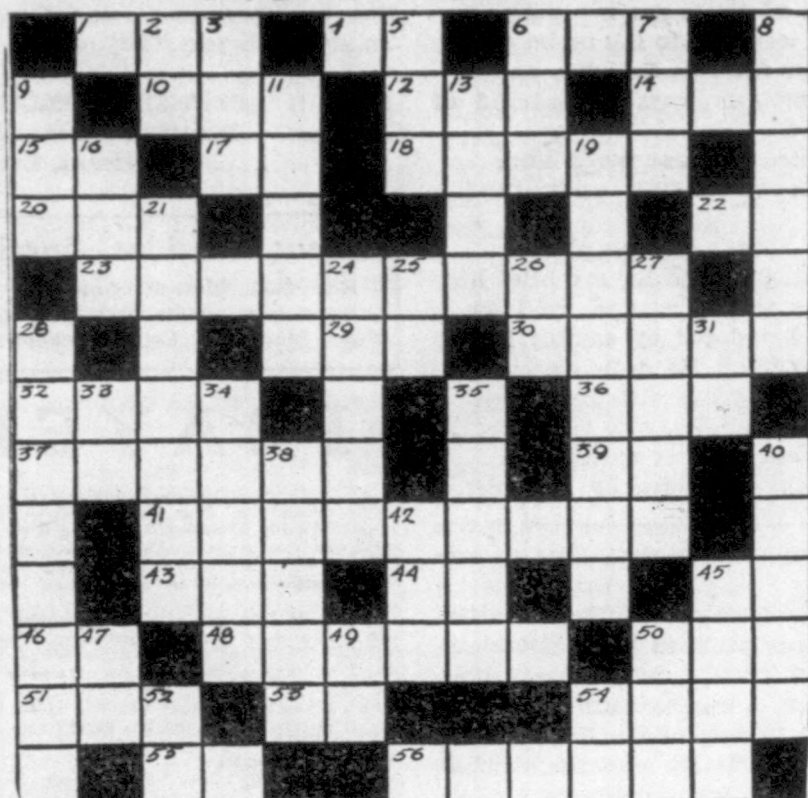
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## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath."  
—Prov. 15:24.

## HEAVEN AND HELL

## ACROSS

- 1 "... hold on eternal life," I Tim. 6:12.
  - 4 "prayer came ... to his holy dwelling place," II Chron. 30:27.
  - 6 "... great is your reward in heaven," Matt. 5:12.
  - 10 "therefore shall he ... in harvest," Prov. 20:4.
  - 12 Good Judean king, II Chron. 14:2.
  - 14 Ephesians.
  - 15 I am (cont.).
  - 17 Indian mulberry.
  - 18 Organized part of an army.
  - 20 Prefix meaning bad.
  - 22 "... peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked," Isa. 48:22.
  - 23 "Lay not up for ... treasures upon earth," Matt. 6:19.
  - 29 Sweet potato.
  - 30 "for thou beholdest mischief and ..." Ps. 10:14.
  - 32 "receive not, because ye ... amiss," Jas. 4:3 (pl.).
  - 36 "he is of ... ask him," John 9:21.
  - 37 Echo back.
  - 39 Royal navy.
  - 41 "and thou shalt have ... in heaven," Matt. 19:21 (pl.).
  - 43 Center-piece of a wheel.
  - 44 "for God ... in heaven," Eccl. 5:2.
  - 45 "... that sitteth in the heavens," Ps. 2:4.
  - 46 "The heaven ... my throne," Isa. 66:1.
  - 48 "But now they desire a ... country," Heb. 11:16.
  - 50 God of War and Victory (northern myth).
  - 51 "Thou art the ... of God," Mark 3:11.
  - 53 Royal observatory.
  - 54 "because your ... s are written in heaven," Luke 10:20.
  - 55 "... the beginning God created the heaven," Gen. 1:1.
  - 56 "from ... did the Lord behold the earth," Ps. 102:19.
- Our text is 1, 4, 6, 23, 41, 55 and 56 combined.

## Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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- 2 Month in Hebrew calendar.
- 3 "... doubtless, and I count all things but loss," Phil. 3:8.
- 5 Shoe resembling a moccasin.
- 6 "behold the land that is very ... off," Isa. 33:17.
- 7 Thing.
- 8 "The Lord's ... is in heaven," Ps. 11:4.
- 9 "the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain ..." II Chron. 2:6.
- 11 "The heavens declare the ... of God," Ps. 19:1.
- 13 "able to destroy both ... and body in hell," Matt. 10:28.
- 16 "that he ... depart from hell beneath," Prov. 15:24.
- 19 "The Lord hath ... his throne in the heavens," Ps. 103:19.
- 21 "The Lord ... from heaven; he beholdeth," Ps. 33:13.
- 24 Islands in the Pacific ocean.
- 25 Printers' measure.
- 26 Veterinary surgeon.
- 27 "shew wonders in heaven above and ... in the earth beneath," Acts 2:19.
- 28 "Today shalt thou be with me in ..." Luke 23:43.
- 31 Tellurium.
- 33 Compass point.
- 34 Stunted tree.
- 35 "In my Father's ... are many mansions," John 14:2.
- 38 Son of Ezra, I Chron. 4:18.
- 40 "shall be no night ..." Rev. 21:25.
- 42 "... down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob," Matt. 8:11.
- 45 "when they had sung a ..." Matt. 26:30.
- 47 "if it were not ... I would have told you," John 14:2.
- 49 "I go ... prepare a place for you," John 14:2.
- 50 Toe (Scot.).
- 52 Nickel.
- 54 New version.

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## JONES BAYOU CHURCH CHANGES NAME

Linn Baptist Church, formerly Jones Bayou Baptist Church, has officially adopted the name Linn Baptist Church. The community is known as Linn and only those who had lived in the community for a number of years knew the church as Jones Bayou, so it was officially voted by the church group that we should hereafter be known as the Linn Baptist Church. Our pastor is Clark McMurray, Mississippi College student.

The close of 1943 associational year finds our church having made much progress—we are now a full time church having service every Sunday; we have for the first time adopted a unified budget—previously the Sunday school and the Training Union each handled their own funds, but now all will go through the church treasury; plans are going forward to build a parsonage as soon as building is permissible—land has been purchased for this and some lumber has been sawed and is on the ground; and not at all the least thing, we adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record, the church subscribing to The Baptist Record for every resident family of our church.

The close of 1943 finds the Sunday school enrollment increased from 120 to 161, and the Training Union enrollment increased from 48 to 69. Both are growing steadily in enrollment and in attendance.

It was voted to add an Extension or Home Department to our Sunday school, something we have not had previously. Two Training Union study courses were held during 1943, so it is now planned to hold a Sunday school study course in October, the first Sunday school study course in several years. BTU study courses will be held later in the year.

The new church officers elected to serve this next years were: Sunday school superintendent, Maurey Weeks; church treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Cotten; church clerk, Mrs. J. R. Smith; Training Union director, Woodrow Tisdell.

MRS. J. A. PIPKIN, Reporter.

The recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: Mrs. Lille Lane, Forest; Mrs. R. B. Moneder, Forest; Dr. A. L. O'Brian, Parchman; Rev. Earl Brooks, Lucedale; Miss Olivia Brooks, Memphis; Rev. O. A. Varnado, Fernwood; Rev. and Mrs. Don Jones, Clinton; Rev. M. P. Jones, Hazlehurst; Chaplain David T. Cranford (U. S. N.); Rev. J. B. Hemphill, Brookhaven; E. P. Alexander, Jayess; Rev. V. R. Crider, Tyertown; Rev. Clark W. McMurray, Lynn; and Rev. R. I. Bell, Bogalusa, La.

Dr. William Potter of McLain will be with the West Salem church, near Piave, October 10-15, in a series of evangelistic services.

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# A CREED FOR THE CRISIS

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The pastor with a shepherd's heart in these days of crisis is conscious of the hearts that are anxious and disturbed, as well as those that are sore with bereavement, in every congregation he faces.

After writing a letter of sympathy to a brother pastor, who had received terrible news from overseas, I sat in my study thinking upon a sermon for Sunday. The question came to me: "Suppose you had just received news like that, and had to stand up and preach Sunday to a congregation in which many hearts were anxious and disturbed, what would you say?" I think that, without boasting, I would try to share with them the secret of the Christian's fortitude in a crisis. It is not the fortitude of one who hardens his heart against pain. The Christian must keep his heart tender, his sympathy keen, and his emotions alive. Nor is it the fortitude of one who hopelessly accepts the inevitable, and lives on, the shell of a man, who walks in darkness. My thoughts crystallized upon three articles of a Creed for the Crisis upon us.

## I. A Sustaining Faith In Almighty God

Perhaps every man you meet will say: "I believe in God." Probably the heathen believes in the gods he worships. The man of India, who worships the cow, no doubt believes that if he can grasp a cow's tail in the moment of death he will be lifted to heaven. The man who makes a mud god on the river bank, bows down to worship it, and, when he is through, kicks it into the river and goes his way, has faith. The faith that sustains the Christian is a particular kind of faith, not in any idea of God, but in the God of revelation.

1. A sustaining faith, then, comprehends certain great and fundamental facts about the nature and attributes of God. Hebrews 11:5 says: "They that come to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Not only in the existence of God, but something of His nature.

a. The eternity and unchangeableness of God. In a world of turmoil and confusion, when everything is changing, this is a truth that is like an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast. . . .

b. The omnipotence of God. I was nearly grown before I knew what that meant. It means that God is more powerful than all other powers in the universe combined. There is no power, or force, or will, or combination of them that can change in one particular, or defeat in one iota, nor delay for one instant, the will and purpose of God. There is no power God does not permit. The critic would ask: Is God, then, the author of evil? Is it God's will that men should lie, and steal, and kill, and commit adultery? Did God will the present war? The answer is that God made man a responsible creature, with the power of choice, and with a will. Man may choose evil, and suffer the consequences, or choose right and reap the rewards of righteousness. . . .

c. God is omniscient. He knows the future as clearly as the past. He possesses all knowledge, and wisdom. We do not need to inform Him of anything that is going on in the world.

d. His purpose is a gracious one. All

that has been said before may produce a sense of fatalism, combined with horror and dread, without the full revelation of God revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. An all-powerful God, who is a creature of caprice; or an all-powerful and unchanging God who is cruel and vindictive, would produce horror, and dread, but not a sustaining faith. But God is love. His purpose toward us is gracious. Paul says, in Romans 8:28, "WE KNOW that He worketh ALL things together for good to them that love Him, to them that are called according to His purpose." All things . . . the evil as well as the good, the painful as well as the pleasant, sorrow as well as joy, failure as well as success. In Jeremiah 25:9, God calls wicked Nebuchadnezzar "My servant." He was able to work the evil purposes of Nebuchadnezzar into good for Israel.

## 2. What sort of faith?

a. Faith that commits itself to God. "Commit thy ways unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." Too many Christians, or professed Christians, at least, want to have God in reserve for an emergency, but to run their own affairs and choose their own course, until they have things in such a mess that God must be called in. . . .

Abraham committed his ways unto the Lord when he left the comfortable security of Ur in the Chaldees, and with his family and property went out toward a country he had never seen, that God had promised. . . .

b. It is an unstaggering faith. "Abraham staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief, but was strong in the faith." Job said: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" and "When He hath tried me I shall come forth refined gold."

## II. The Abiding Presence

When God made man He saw that it was not good for man to be alone. Man does not like to be alone for very long at a time. But there is a loneliness of the heart that no human companionship, however dear and precious, can fully satisfy. In John 14, when the disciples were sorrowful and filled with dread at the thought of loneliness when the Great Companion was taken away, Jesus said: "I will not leave you orphans. . . . I will pray the Father and He will send you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth." The word translated "Comforter," and used only by John, who was granted a deeper insight into the spiritual than any other New Testament writer, means literally: "The helper who stands by the side." Jesus said the world cannot see or know Him, but "He dwelleth with you (now) and shall be in you."

In the Spirit of the Holy Spirit He knocks at the door of the Christian's heart, and upon invitation will become a dinner guest, one who breaks bread and shares the salt, with all of the meaning of that to the oriental mind. But He does not break in.

## III. The Challenging Hope

In the great eleventh chapter of Hebrews, we read of Abraham: "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Later, concerning the patriarchs, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth

# MISS EDITH TAYLOR GOES TO BELZONI



MISS EDITH TAYLOR

On August the first Miss Edith Taylor of Louisville, Mississippi, was employed as educational director by the Belzoni Baptist Church. Miss Taylor is a recent graduate of Blue Mountain College. She comes from a fine Christian home; her father being one of the deacons of the Louisville Baptist Church. Miss Taylor is a capable and enthusiastic leader of young people, and our church and community will be blessed by her work among us.

. . . but now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city."

Dr. B. H. Carroll wrote: "The reason Christian people are no happier than they are, the reason they have so little power, is that they have such a misty conception of heaven, and the world to come. . . . It is only those who by faith see eternal things, and feel the powers of the world to come, who can make any lasting impression for good in this world. I do not care how much learning a preacher may have, if he has not a clear conception of heaven and its eternity, of hell and its eternity, he cannot be a man of spiritual power. . . . The question of the death of the body does not concern me in the least, and it has not for a great many years."

We do not hear much about heaven these days except at funerals. Why is it? Is it because the world, with its comforts and attractions, has become so dear to us? There are a great many questions about heaven that we cannot answer; some of them of no moment, but certain great and glorious facts are revealed. I believe it is more beautiful and glorious than the mind or imagination of man can comprehend. We know that death, and sorrow, and weeping, and sin, and darkness will not be there. We know that God will be there, and the redeemed of all ages. It is my belief that only those who have heaven in their hearts here who will enter its joys there. But an abiding vision, a challenging hope, and a blessed assurance of the place that Jesus has gone to prepare will shed an ineffable light upon our earthly pathway, even when it leads through dark valleys.

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# Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. (How many verses, etc.): There are 31,173 verses, and 1,189 chapters in the Bible.

2. ("Treacle Bible"): "Treacle" in the mentioned Bible, meant "balm," from "is there no balm in Gilead," treacle being an old medical word.

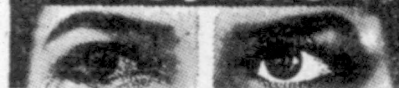
3. (Heath in the desert): It meant wild land or ground covered with under-shrubbery, or a region barren of vegetation.

4. (Self-immolation): The general meaning is "to offer in sacrifice," which coming from the Latin word "immolare," "mola" meaning "meal" which (meal) was sprinkled on the sacrifice, or victim of same. Self-immolation, then, indicates the highest and truest form of self, or self-sacrifice.

## Miss Wallis At Magee

'Twas just for one evening, but the visit Miss Wallace made to Magee church resulted in an added interest in the work of the officers who met her at the church on Tuesday night, September 7th for an hour or more conference on ways and means for a better Training Union. She found them already working at the job, but eager to get new ideas.

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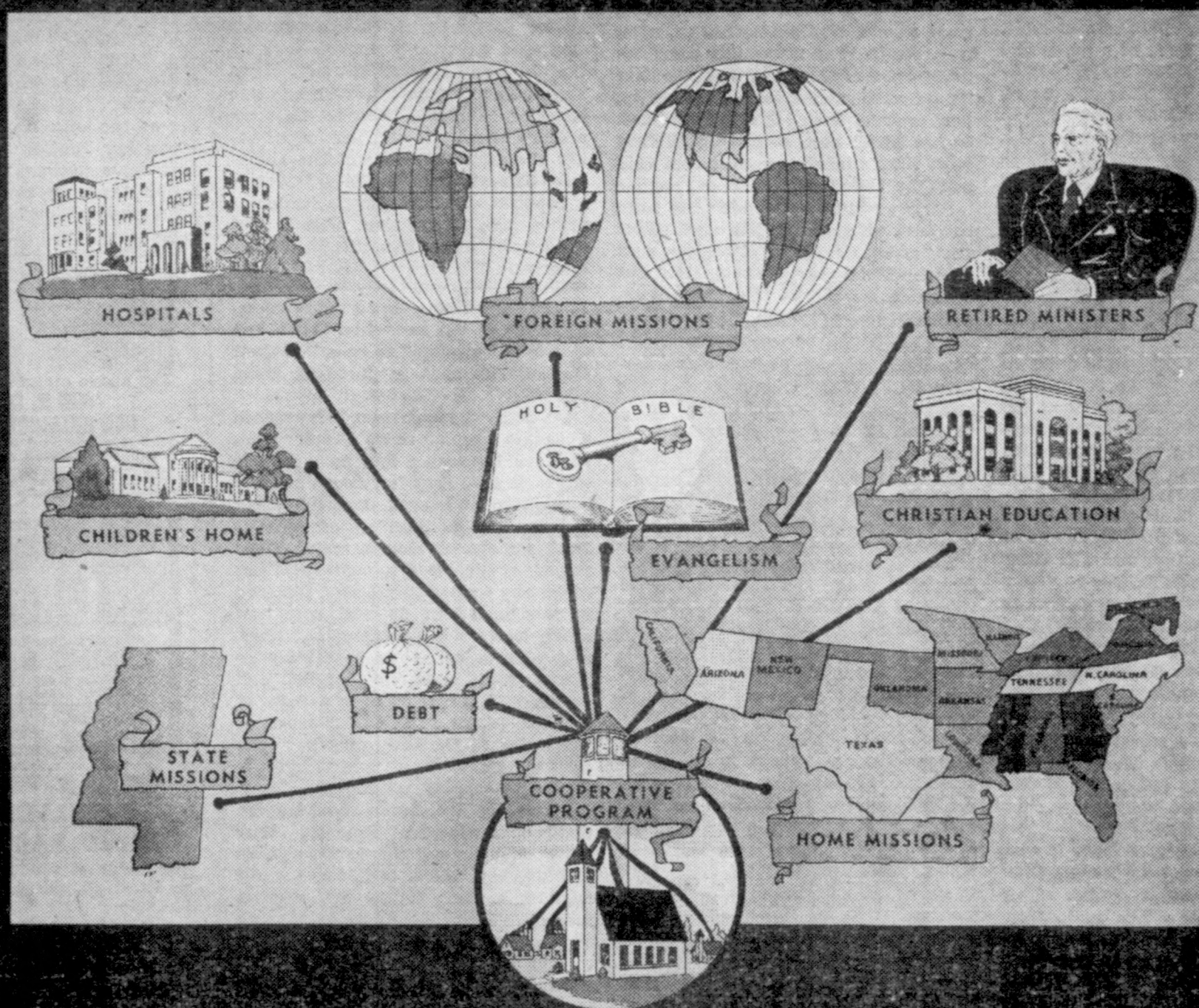
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